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GERMAN BOMBER CRASHES ON SHIP'S DECK

GESTAPO AT WORK IN TOKYO

Further details have been released in London about the German Gestapo man who is attached to the Japanese Home Office.

He is a member of the Storm-Trooper Security Service and was appointed in July, 1937, as Information Officer to the Japanese Home Office following Japan's adherence to the Anti-Comintern Pact.

At the beginning of the war, he was attached to the German Embassy in Tokyo and was thus a channel between the Embassy and the Japanese Home Office.

He is known to have had great influence over Japan's internal affairs, although since the Soviet-German agreement last August his activity has been dimmed somewhat.—Reuter.

SOVIET ON THE RAMPAGE

Soviet reports that "terrorism" in Helsinki are exaggerated, according to Finnish reports reaching London from Helsinki last night.

The reports state that on June 30 the "Friends of the Soviet" staged a demonstration and marched through the main streets of Helsinki shouting "Down with the Government," "Finland will be bombed again" and other threats. A few arrests were made.

On Thursday night a similar demonstration took place in Helsinki. The police intervened and some of the crowd threw stones, three policemen being injured. A demonstration on a smaller scale occurred in Tampere but there were no other disturbances anywhere in Finland.—Reuter.

PRESS PEER IN WAR CABINET

It was officially announced in London yesterday that the Prime Minister has invited Lord Beaverbrook to be a member of the War Cabinet. For the time being Lord Beaverbrook will continue to be Minister of Aircraft Production.—Reuter.

AN ADMIRALTY communique issued in London last evening revealed that one of our convoys was repeatedly attacked in the North Sea by German aircraft on Thursday afternoon.

No damage was done to any of the ships in convoy or the escorting warships. One of the escorting vessels, H.M.S. Weston, shot down one enemy aircraft; there were no casualties in Weston.

On another part of the North Sea, the British steamship Highlander was twice attacked by enemy aircraft on Thursday night.

In the first attack the enemy aircraft dropped bombs which missed and then raked the ship with machine-gun fire.

While doing so the German aircraft was hit by the defensive armament of the Highlander and was seen to crash into the sea in flames 100 yards astern of the ship.

AMERICANS FIGHT FOR BRITAIN

OUTSTANDING FEATURE OF THE BATCH OF CANADIAN TROOPS WHICH HAVE JUST ARRIVED IN ENGLAND IS THE NUMBER OF AMERICAN CITIZENS AMONG THEM.

The troops will later join the First Canadian Division, together forming the Canadian Active Service Corps.

Major-General W. V. Odlum, the officer commanding, expressed amazement at the precision and efficiency of the naval arrangements which were responsible for the voyage being uneventful, and said: "We look forward to the time when the British people will be able to resume the offensive on the Continent and carry the war into Germany. Germany has asked for it and she is going to get it!"—Reuter.

NEW TRADE ORDER

The Controller of Trade has prohibited under an Order published in the "Gazette" this morning, the export and re-export, except by licence of all goods to the under-mentioned destinations.

Rumania, Bulgaria, Greece, Yugo-Slavia, Hungary, U.S.S.R. (Black Sea ports), Turkey, Finland, Sweden, the Baltic states, Switzerland, Spain, and Spanish dependencies including the Spanish zone of Morocco, Portugal and Portuguese Atlantic Islands and Tangier.

Applications for licences must specify in as great detail as possible the route by which the goods concerned will reach their destination.

Crashed On Poop!

Two minutes later the Highlander was attacked by another German aircraft. Again the bombs missed.

As the aircraft circled to renew the attack it was hit, causing it to lose height. The port wing of the aircraft struck the port lifeboat at the davits. This swung the machine round and it crashed on to the poop of the Highlander.

Yesterday morning the Highlander steamed into harbour with the wreckage of the German aircraft on the poop.

Only casualty sustained in the Highlander was two men wounded.—Reuter.

300 PLANES A MONTH FROM U.S.

The British Purchasing Commission intimated yesterday that deliveries of United States planes to Great Britain are now approximately 300 a month compared with 200 a month last April. The Commission indicated that British war purchases from America now exceeded the two thousand million dollar mark.—Reuter.

BRITISH AIRMEN IN CANADA

The first party of British airmen, numbering 22, have arrived in Canada for training under the Commonwealth air training plan, it was disclosed in Toronto yesterday.—Reuter.

WHEAT SALE

Mr. Mackinnon, Canadian Minister of Trade, yesterday confirmed the sale of 100,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat to the British Ministry of Food at a price "considerably above the market level."—Reuter.

DEFENDERS OF FREEDOM'S SHRINE

Before the latest Canadian contingent sailed from Ottawa for England, Mr. Mackenzie King, the Dominion Premier, sent a farewell message to their commander, saying:

"Behind you stands a united people pledged to support you with all their strength and power. You journey across the seas to defend the innermost shrine of freedom in the ancient land of Britain which, by its example, has taught the world what freedom means."—Reuter.

EIREAN STEAMER BOMBED

A STATEMENT ISSUED BY THE INFORMATION BUREAU OF THE EIREAN GOVERNMENT IN DUBLIN YESTERDAY ON BEHALF OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS DISCLOSES THAT THE IRISH-REGISTERED STEAMER KERRY HEAD WAS ATTACKED ON THURSDAY BY GERMAN BOMBERS NEAR THE ENTRANCE TO OYSTER HAVEN, COUNTY CORK.

Several bombs were dropped near the vessel which sustained some damage. None of the members of the crew was injured.

The statement adds that the Irish charge d'affaires in Berlin has been instructed to lodge a protest with the German Foreign Office and claim compensation for the damage caused.—Reuter.

DAYLIGHT RAIDS CONTINUE

An Air Ministry communique issued in London yesterday states: R.A.F. bombers yesterday made daylight attacks on aerodromes in Leuwarden and Hamsted in Holland.

A hangar was hit and many aircraft were machine-gunned on the ground. One of our aircraft is missing.

During the night our bombers attacked synthetic oil plants at Gelsenkirchen, Kamen, Hamburg and Reishoiz, near Dusseldorf, the Krupp Works at Essen and supply depots at Hamm, Krefeld and Mannheim and several aerodromes in north-west Germany.

The damage inflicted on the oil targets is believed to have been considerable. All our aircraft returned safely.

It is now known that another enemy seaplane was destroyed in combat with British bombers on Wednesday.—Reuter.

CAUGHT A TARTAR

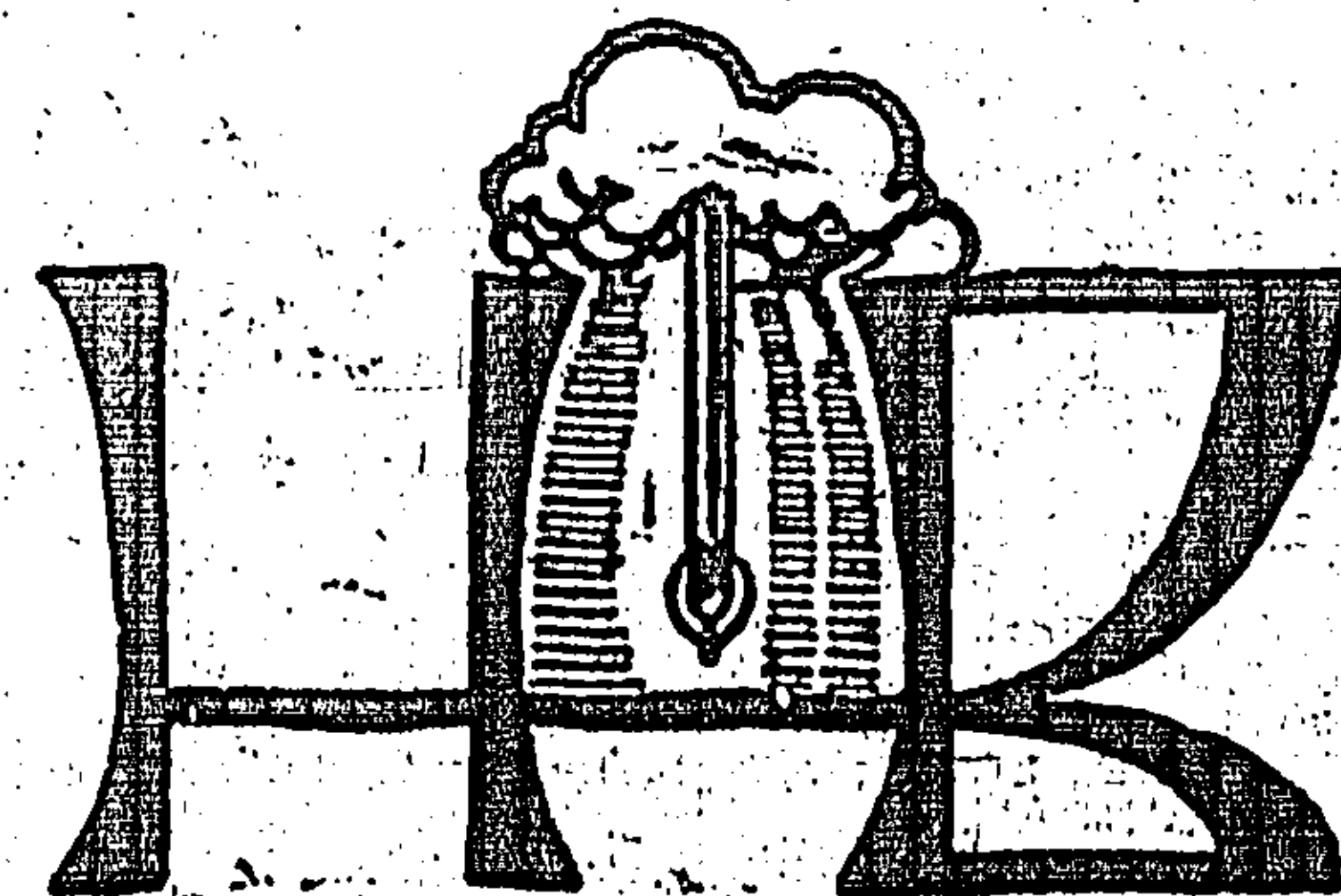
A SMALL BRITISH MERCHANTMAN WHICH HAS ARRIVED AT AN EAST SCOTLAND PORT TELLS A STORY WHICH SHOWS THAT GERMAN BOMBERS CANNOT ATTACK SOLITARY MERCHANTMEN WITH IMPUNITY.

The ship's crew state that their vessel was attacked at night off North-East Scotland by two German bombers, which dropped an aerial torpedo.

A single burst from the ship's anti-aircraft gun sent one plane down in flames and a little later the second was also brought down into the sea.

The crews of both planes are believed to have been lost.—Reuter.

HAVE AN H.B.—



—AND THEN TRY!

GERMAN LEAFLET RAID

Britain Refuses To Take Pamphlets Seriously

BEING SOLD FOR RED CROSS FUND

IN SEVERAL PARTS of England yesterday, people were busy collecting the German leaflets which were dropped on Thursday night in, possibly, unwitting tribute to the effectiveness of the R.A.F. leaflet raids on German territory. Most of the leaflets were picked up during the night by the police and the air raid wardens.

In one town, the leaflets are being sold, the proceeds going to the Red Cross Fund!

The German raids are also helping Britain in another respect. It has been found that the carrier of the incendiary bombs dropped is made of aluminium. Needless to say, this is not being wasted!

The German leaflets contain nothing of fresh interest to encourage people to buy them — except for charity's sake. They are entitled "A last appeal to reason," by Adolf Hitler, and form his last speech to the Reichstag. The leaflets suggest that the British people have not been told anything about the speech.

Needless to say, his speech was reported fully, and people at home have not only full knowledge of his speech but also of his previous declarations.

Pertinent Extracts

During the week, a popular illustrated paper printed statements from four of his speeches, together with appropriate speeches of Der Fuehrer. The general story is entitled "When Hitler offered Peace."

The first extract is from his March 4, 1936, speech—just after Germany invaded the Rhineland—in which he said: "Germany has no intention of attacking France, Czechoslovakia or Poland."

The second is from his speech on September 26, 1938, when he said "This is the last territorial claim I have to make in Europe" and "We do not want any Czechs."

The third extract is from his speech on August 31 last year, nine hours before Germany invaded Poland, in which he said the outside world was lying when it said that Germany only tried to carry out revision under pressure; that the neutral states had assured Germany of their neutrality, just as Germany had guaranteed it to them; and in which he declared that "the frontier between France and Germany is a final one."

The fourth covers his Reichstag speech on June 19, 1940. — Reuter.

ALCANTARA BATTLE

THE FIGHTING POWER OF H.M.S. ALCANTARA, ARMED MERCHANT CRUISER, HAS NOT BEEN IMPAIRED BY HER CLASH WITH THE GERMAN RAIDER IN THE SOUTH ATLANTIC ON MONDAY.

Alcantara scored several hits on the raider and had closed the range to four miles when a shell hit her near the water-line.

The damage was not serious but it reduced her speed from 18 to 10 knots and this was sufficient for the German to escape behind a smoke-screen.

The raider's speed had also been cut slightly. When last seen she was 500 miles from Rio de Janeiro. She is a ship of about 9,000 tons. — Reuter.

SHANGHAI RUSSIANS INDIGNANT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

The entire Shanghai Russian community has been strongly aroused over the assassination of Charles Metzler, chairman of the Russian emigrants committee, and has even discarded differences in political outlook.

Sympathetic To Japan

Nevertheless Metzler is known to have closely collaborated with Shanghai Japanese consular officials and was sympathetic to Japan, while Mayor Fu Siao-en had promised him the full support of the Special Municipality.

Metzler was known to be opposed to the formation of an emigre body as favoured by the Japanese military in Shanghai who advocated the formation of a Shanghai Russian emigrants committee similar to the Russian committees existing in Dairen and Harbin.

Metzler was a well-known personality in Shanghai where he had lived for 25 years. He was a member of the Imperial Russian consular service, was Secretary of the Imperial Russian Legation at Peking and later Russian consul at Shanghai. — Havas.

BLATANT FALSEHOOD

The newspaper "Mokattam" of Cairo denounces the typical German falsehood in which it was stated the British troops in Kenya are isolated and unable to contact the British troops in Egypt because, Berlin alleged, since Italy's entry into the war naval communications between the British forces and colonies in East Africa have been cut off.

This blatant falsehood is considered by military circles in Cairo as an attempt to hide the precarious situation of Italy's East African colonies which are completely cut off from all sea contact with Italy, since Britain holds the Suez Canal.

British convoys in the Red Sea are functioning according to plan. — Reuter.

FULL ARAB SUPPORT OF BRITAIN

Under the heading "The Arabs and England," the newspaper "Al Ahram" of Cairo yesterday published an article from Sayed Mirghan El Edrisi, prominent Edrisi leader, pointing out that Islam orders believers to treat other nations as equal and to defend their liberties and honour.

"It is obvious the modern world should oppose any nation which threatens the liberties of a weak nation and destroys their independence and safety; that is why the Moslem nations, headed by Egypt, have not hesitated to decide their attitude towards the Democracies and the Nazis."

"The Moslem nations could not have taken up an attitude supporting violence and aggression and the overthrow of the champions of justice and liberty."

After referring to what the Senussis and others have suffered from the Italians, Sayed declared there is no one in the Arab lands who could be deceived by Italian propaganda, thus preferring Italian to English friendship. — Reuter.

COUPLE SHOT DEAD IN MANOR

A double shooting fatality was discovered recently at Erchfont Manor, near Devizes.

The victims were Mr. H. Rivers Pollock, chairman of the second Court at Wiltshire Quarter Sessions and chairman of Devizes County Bench, and Mrs. Pollock.

The tragedy occurred in the morning room of the manor. A revolver was found near Mr. Pollock's body.

The dead man was a descendant of Sir Frederick Pollock, noted lawyer and Judge. He was a barrister of the Middle Temple.

"I LIKED YOU, I CAN'T NOW": ITALIAN ENVOY'S DAUGHTER

With her mother and brother, pretty Maria-Luisa—Bastianini, daughter of the Italian Ambassador, went for a last look round some of the West End shops.

A photographer asked if he could take a picture. "I don't like the English," she replied.

The photographer smiled. "We don't dislike you," he said.

Maria-Luisa smiled too. "Well, I did like the English... but I can't now," she said.

BUILDING FALLS, 4 DEAD

Four men lost their lives and three were injured in an accident at a building at Rochester (Kent). The dead, all of whom are middle-aged, are: Frederick Church, of Pelly Road, Plaistow, London, E., Albert Butcher, of Commercialway, Peckham, S.E.; John Lindsell, of High Street, Poplar, E., and Bert Shorthouse, of Thomas Street, Limehouse, E.

The men were constructing a building when part of it fell.

RICKS WILL BEAT ENEMY AIR TROOPS

As fields might be used as landing grounds by enemy aircraft, the Ministry of Agriculture has appealed to farmers to co-operate in home defence preparations by building their hayricks in the middle of fields.

Where the field is large and the ground level it will be most useful to build two or more ricks spaced across the field.

Haystacks should not, however, be erected near aerodromes if it can be avoided.

WE ALSO WONDERED

The newspaper "Gothenburg Handelsblat" points out it is remarkable that German aeroplanes, U-boats and motor torpedo-boats are all able to give the exact tonnage of boats they sink.

Do thoughtful Englishmen exhibit on a painted plate on the side of the ship the tonnage of every boat sunk? the newspaper asks. — Reuter.

CANADIANS GET DOWN TO IT

It was stated in London a few days ago that the first Canadian fighter squadron in Britain would soon be in action against the enemy. Details released yesterday show that they have begun with a quick victory.

On Thursday, three pilots of the Canadian Fighter Squadron formed in Britain were patrolling over a convoy in their Hurricanes.

The convoy was attacked by German dive-bombers, and the Canadians went into action.

One pilot followed a bomber down to the sea and shot it into the water.

The two other Canadians engaged in a running fight with the rest of the bombers, damaging at least one of them and driving them off.

All three Canadian planes returned safely. — Reuter.

DE GAULLE SENTENCED TO DEATH

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

General De Gaulle has been sentenced to death by a military court in France, the sentence including military degradation and confiscation of his property.

He was charged in absentia with treason, acts against the security of the State, and with desertion abroad in time of war.

A few days ago, it will be recalled, he was sentenced to four years' imprisonment and fined 100 francs.

Commenting on the latest sentence, General De Gaulle says that the sentence is that of a court largely under the influence of, and possibly even under the direct orders of, the common enemy.

"The enemy will one day be driven from the soil of France," he says.

"When that day comes, I will submit myself willingly to the command of the people." — Havas.

Reuter quotes an interview with General de Gaulle in London last night in which he said: "I consider the act of the men of Vichy as void." In regard to the "death sentence" passed on him by the Petain Government, General de Gaulle added: "I shall have a settlement of accounts with them after the victory." — Reuter.

AND NOW IT'S LEGALISED

According to the Moscow Wireless the Soviet Government has passed a bill forming a Moldavian Federal Soviet Republic consisting of the former Moldavian Autonomous Republic and the greater part of Soviet-occupied Bessarabia, it was learned in London yesterday.

The Bessarabian districts of Khotin, Akerman and Ismail, with northern Bukovina, were incorporated into the Ukrainian Republic under another bill. — Reuter.

POLISH SEAMEN LIVE UP TO TRADITIONS

A POLISH MERCHANTMAN, after a narrow escape, has now reached a British port and has been made available for further service through the daring and resource of its captain and crew.

She is the Kronin, of 1,864 tons, which was lying at Dakar, Senegal, French West Africa.

The captain learned that a number of Germans had arrived by plane and were planning to seize the ship.

Vital parts of the Kronin had been taken away in order to immobilise her, but, with ingenuity, she was made serviceable and escaped through the harbour defences.

Although she had no charts on board, the captain set his course for a British port and the Kronin has now arrived safely.

Her captain and crew have been congratulated by the British naval authorities on their feat. — Reuter.

HIS GIFT FOR DUCHESS

While the Duchess of Gloucester was chatting to wounded seamen at Grimsby Hospital, one of them asked her to help herself from a basket of strawberries he was carrying.

They had been specially bought for the occasion by sixty-nine-year-old James Cooke, a trawlerman, and the Duchess ate some of the strawberries as she talked to him.

BLOCKADE WARFARE INSTEAD OF AN INVASION?

MAJOR ELIOT, writing in the New York "Herald-Tribune" yesterday, says he does not expect a German invasion of England and warns the United States that the war is now blockade warfare.

In the event of there being no invasion of Britain, he says, Britain is likely to win.

The writer thinks Hitler's discomfiture is causing the current peace feelers from Nazi-controlled sources and peace is entirely unobtainable from the British on any terms Germany can offer.

"The Germans haven't displayed any ability seriously to interfere with British convoys. The German air force hasn't overwhelmed the British air force.

Germans Cut Off

"There is no question the Germans are completely cut off from the receipt of any supplies whatever by sea and by their own acts they have made it certain there will be no supply through neutral countries save what little can filter in through Spain whose non-belligerence is uncertain of tenure and which is in any case now to be strictly rationed.

"The sympathies of the Americas and the loyal co-operation of the Dominions afford Britain the certainty that supplies will be forthcoming for her and in great measure denied to her enemies.

"The Royal Navy appears adequate to the task of getting supplies safely back to port... the results will be cumulative.

"As the German reserves begin to run out they can't be replaced while Britain's can." — Reuter.

DEADLOCK REACHED?

THE NEWSPAPER "YENI-SABAH" IN ISTANBUL YESTERDAY DECLARED THE AXIS POWERS ARE ENDEAVOURING TO HIDE THEIR PRESENT HESITATION BY CLAIMS THAT THEY ARE MAKING PROGRESS BUT IT IS EVIDENT THEY HAVE REACHED A DEADLOCK.

The Germans have shot their bolt. Their means do not allow them to make further headway.

Undoubtedly they will yet endeavour to overcome the power and determination of the British, for the day they cease to attack from fear of reverses, all their prestige would be undermined and the terror inspired by the German Colossus in Europe would vanish.

Nevertheless Germany hesitates to attempt the Channel crossing and in the meantime British preparations are proceeding apace. — Reuter.

BABY BORN DURING AIR RAID

DURING AN AIR RAID ALARM THE MATERNITY UNIT OF A HAMPSHIRE HOSPITAL WORKED CALMLY IN AN UNDERGROUND WARD. BEFORE THE ALL CLEAR SOUNDED, THE PATIENT HAD GIVEN BIRTH TO A DAUGHTER.

Anti-aircraft fire could be heard in the underground ward, but no one was upset. Mother and baby are doing well.

The father, Mr. W. J. Dawson, a labourer, said: "While my daughter was being born, I am my older child who is eighteen months old, were sharing an air raid shelter in a neighbour's garden.

"We have not yet decided on a name for the baby, but we are considering giving her a name associated with A.R.P. If we can hit on something appropriate."

HAW HAW'S ARMS WORKS PLOT LESSON

Scene: A big munition factory in the Midlands.

Characters: All the workers, some angry, some anxious, all "jumpy."

Plot: To reduce production at the factory.

The workers, of course, were the innocent victims of the plot, which was engineered by Hitler's fifth column.

This spread the story among 5,000 workers that Haw Haw had broadcast from Bremen that the factory would be bombed in a few days. There was the usual reference to show local knowledge. This time it was: "Don't trouble to finish the new paint shed you won't need it."

THEY WERE DUPED

The result, of course, was to cause a small drop in production. Just what Hitler wanted.

Now hundreds of workers in this factory have joined the Anti-Haw Haw League. They realise at last how the story of the broadcast Haw Haw never made duped them into letting down our men in France.

The shells they did not produce that day may have been the cause of someone you love being put in danger of death. Look at it like that and see how personal the matter becomes.

PLOT DOOMED

The fifth column plot, however, is dommed. Everywhere men and women are rushing to register as members of the Anti-Haw Haw League. Belingham, S.E., branch of the British Legion has joined as one body, so have the cast of "New Faces" at the Comedy Theatre, London, all pledging themselves not to listen to the Traitor of Bremen and to track every rumour to its source.

NO TIME FOR LAYING BLAME

This is no time to search for scapegoats," said Mr. Herbert Morrison (Minister of Supply) in a speech in London.

"Perhaps when we contrasted the spirit and quality of the great effort Britain was making with past mistakes which made it necessary, and put such hazards in the path of full success, we might be tempted to indulge in recrimination, or to search for scapegoats.

"I have myself in the past been an outspoken critic of things done and things left undone," he said. "I reserve the right to be an outspoken critic again at an appropriate time, but this is not the time."

"I say to you emphatically that to look back now is a weakness which we cannot allow ourselves."

"I say this for three reasons. The backward look is a waste of energy. It means that we are expending on anger and con-

HE SAW HITLER

Schoolboys and the parents at the annual speech day at Work-shop College learned that a popular master, now a prisoner of war, had been questioned by Hitler.

The master, Second-Lieutenant W. A. Laing, who joined up at the captured in Norway.

Thought the headmaster, the Rev. B. C. Malony would not disclose all his news of Mr. Laing, he told the scholars and visitors he knew Hitler would not "get any change" out of Mr. Laing when he asked him questions.

Second-Lieutenant Laing who is twenty-eight, had been at the college for several years.

BALKAN MUDDLE SHOWS NO SIGNS OF SETTLEMENT

WHILE THE FIRST step for the opening of direct negotiations concerning Hungarian and Bulgarian claims on Rumania is expected from the Rumanian Government within a few days, the opinion is gaining ground in well-informed circles in Budapest that the negotiations are likely to be long and difficult.

It is felt among Hungarians that Germany's encouragement to the Bucharest Government to make their own arrangements with Hungary and Bulgaria means that a quick decision is improbable.

After preliminary meetings between the Foreign Ministers of the three countries there are certain to be proposals and counter-proposals needing detailed discussion.

It is thought therefore that no result should be expected before the middle of September at the earliest.

Hungarian Indignation

The Budapest newspapers yesterday indignantly commented on the Rumanian "manoeuvres" to escape the concessions which are now believed in Budapest to be inevitable.

Meanwhile, the continual postponement of the offensive against Britain has provoked the realisation in Hungary that the war is likely to be much longer than was ever supposed, and this is bound to affect the position in South-Eastern Europe. — Reuter.

WAR FUND RAFFLE

In the presence yesterday of Mrs. H. F. Phillips and Mr. A. K. Dimond, ticket No. 260 was drawn in the raffle for an evening-cum-hostess gown designed by Madame Sophie Costides and presented by Eunice, Peninsula Hotel Arcade, in aid of the Ambulance Fund of the B.W.O.F. The raffle realised \$152.00, and the holder of the lucky ticket is Mr. Jack MacGiegor, who is at present in Shanghai.

domination resources of mind and spirit which we must husband for the task in hand.

GENUINE UNITY

"Secondly, to demand a scalp every time, we have evidence of mistakes or setbacks is to create inconstant panic, and to threaten stability of mind both among governors and governed. Modifications and reinforcements of the Government there may need to be from time to time, but what we cannot afford is a political crisis every other week.

"Then, thirdly we want above all things at the present time to build up and to foster a spirit of genuine unity, a community of thought and feeling, from which none are excluded but cowards, slackers and traitors.

"Work Up to War Speed."

MORE CANADIANS IN ENGLAND

The safe arrival in England of "another large contingent of the Canadian active service force" was announced by the Defence Minister, Colonel Ralston, in the House of Commons in Ottawa yesterday. The contingent includes part of the Second Division under Major-General Odlum and certain auxiliary units, he added. — Reuter.

BOY, 16, SAVED NAZI AIRMAN

A Fisherman, aged sixteen, stepped ashore on the Kent coast with a pair of suspenders in one hand and some flatfish in the other, while in the boat were two injured German airmen.

The suspenders were given to young Ken Ross, of the fishing boat Golden Spray, by one of the Germans as a souvenir of the rescue.

Ken had helped to dress the airmen's wounds after their Heinkel bomber, with a crew of five, had been shot down.

He tore his underclothing in strips to make bandages for them.

ALL HE POSSESSED

As one of the airmen lay bleeding from machine-gun bullet wounds in the wheelhouse of the little boat he said to Ken in English:

"Thank you, boy." Then he handed him the suspenders, the... When the men told them that only things he possessed apart from shirt, trousers and socks.

Ken, his skipper and mate, who dragged the wounded men into their boat, had no ideal they were German.

It was only as the two men gasped out guttural words of thanks that they realised it.

THRILLING AIR FIGHT

There was no trace of the plane which they had seen crash into the sea seven miles away after a thrilling battle with several Spitfires.

The German pilot officer, wounded in the head and with a machine-gun bullet in his arm, gasped out as he and his sixteen-stone mechanic were picked up: "Another three minutes and we would have been gone."

He and the mechanic were the only survivors of the bomber's crew of five.

"Three of us got out of the plane but one has gone," the pilot said. "The other two were trapped and could not get out. Are you English sailors?"

When the men told them that they were he said: "We are good Germans."

Last night the Germans, on whom operations have been performed, were lying in a serious condition at a hospital in a Kent coastal town.

NAVAL HEROES IN AWARDS LIST

THE RESCUE OF wounded men from a warship's bomb-room filled with fumes and smoke as the result of an explosion, at the risk of further explosions which might have blown them to pieces, earned awards announced in the London "Gazette" last night.

The Officership of the Order of the British Empire goes to Lt.-Comm. Viscount Mandeville, and the Medal of the Order to Sub-Lt. Alexander Mitchell Hodge.

Viscount Mandeville, although injured, showed "outstanding courage and enterprise" in searching for wounded.

Hodge rescued several badly injured men, one of whom was crushed under two very heavy bombs which could not be moved single-handed.

Marine Hero

Hodge obtained help, dragged the wounded man clear and sent him up. Hodge did not go on deck until he had satisfied himself that nobody was left alive below.

The Medal of the British Empire Order is also awarded to Marine James Muro Hall, who swam through water covered with burning oil to a blazing ship loaded with petrol, enabling a chain to be fastened to the stern of the ship which was towed clear of jetty, which was already catching fire.

There were oil tanks and a large stock of petrol nearby. — Reuter.

ALIENS, NOT AGENTS

The War Department yesterday stated in Washington that the persons detained in the Panama Canal Zone were aliens, and not foreign agents, as announced by Mr. Henry L. Stimson, the Secretary for War. — Reuter.

16, WORKS 83 HOURS WEEK

Though only just sixteen, Pat Farr, of Sion-lane, Clifton, Bristol thinks nothing of putting in an eighty-three-hour week so long as it will help to win the war.

He is one of thousands of boys cheerfully working twelve hours a day or more, seven days a week, to turn out the aeroplanes Britain must have without delay.

Pat is employed by an engineering firm engaged on Government work. As he sprang off his bicycle outside his home he looked as bright as though he had just come from a day's outing.

He seemed surprised also at the idea that he was doing anything unusual.

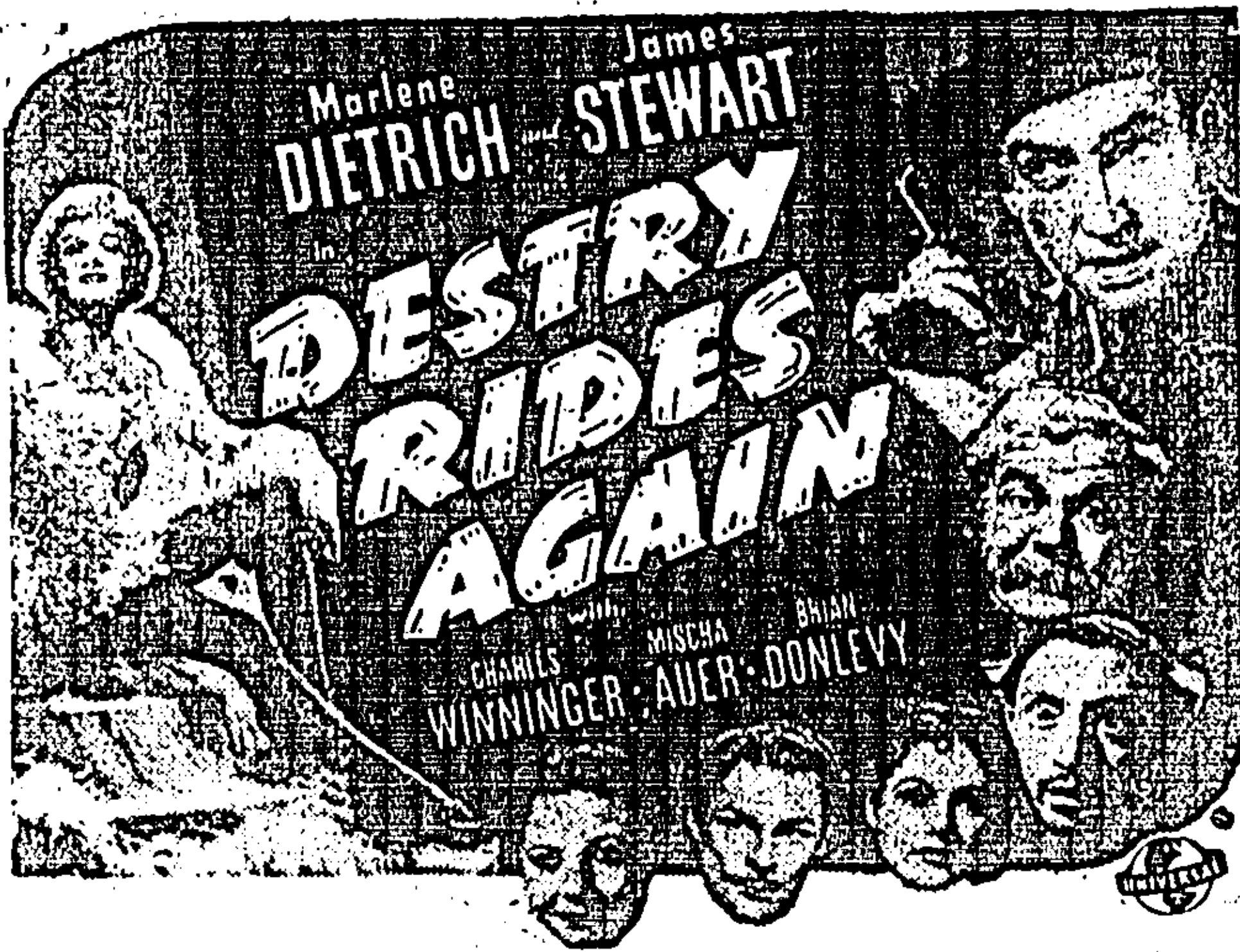
"I work eighty-three hours a week, not eighty-four," he told a reporter, "any my job is roughly that of a precision worker. I start at 7.30 in the morning and get home about 7.30 in the evening. But before beginning work I do a newspaper round. I am up at six."

Just a plain statement of a thirteen-hour day, but it embodies the working spirit of England.

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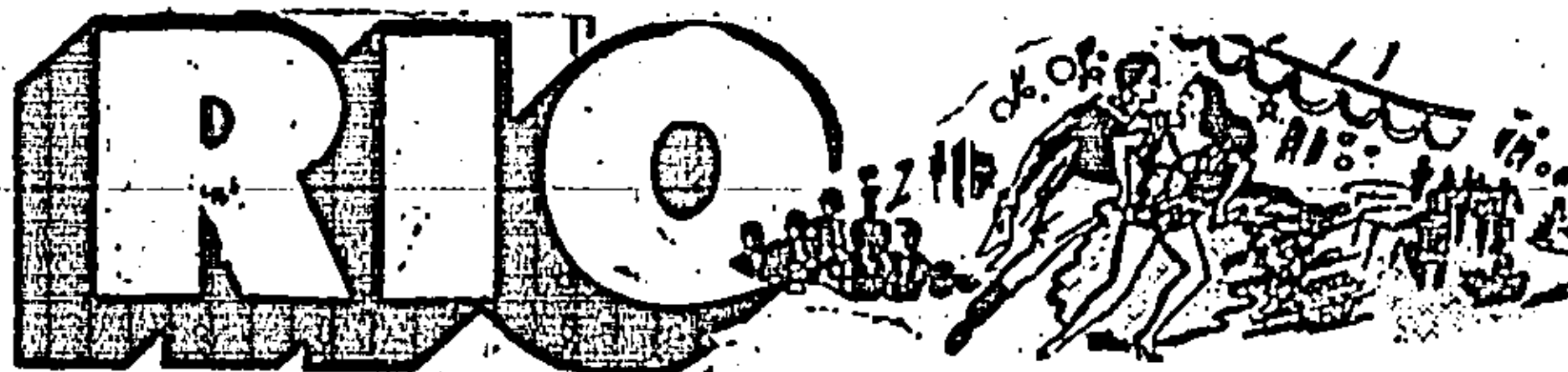
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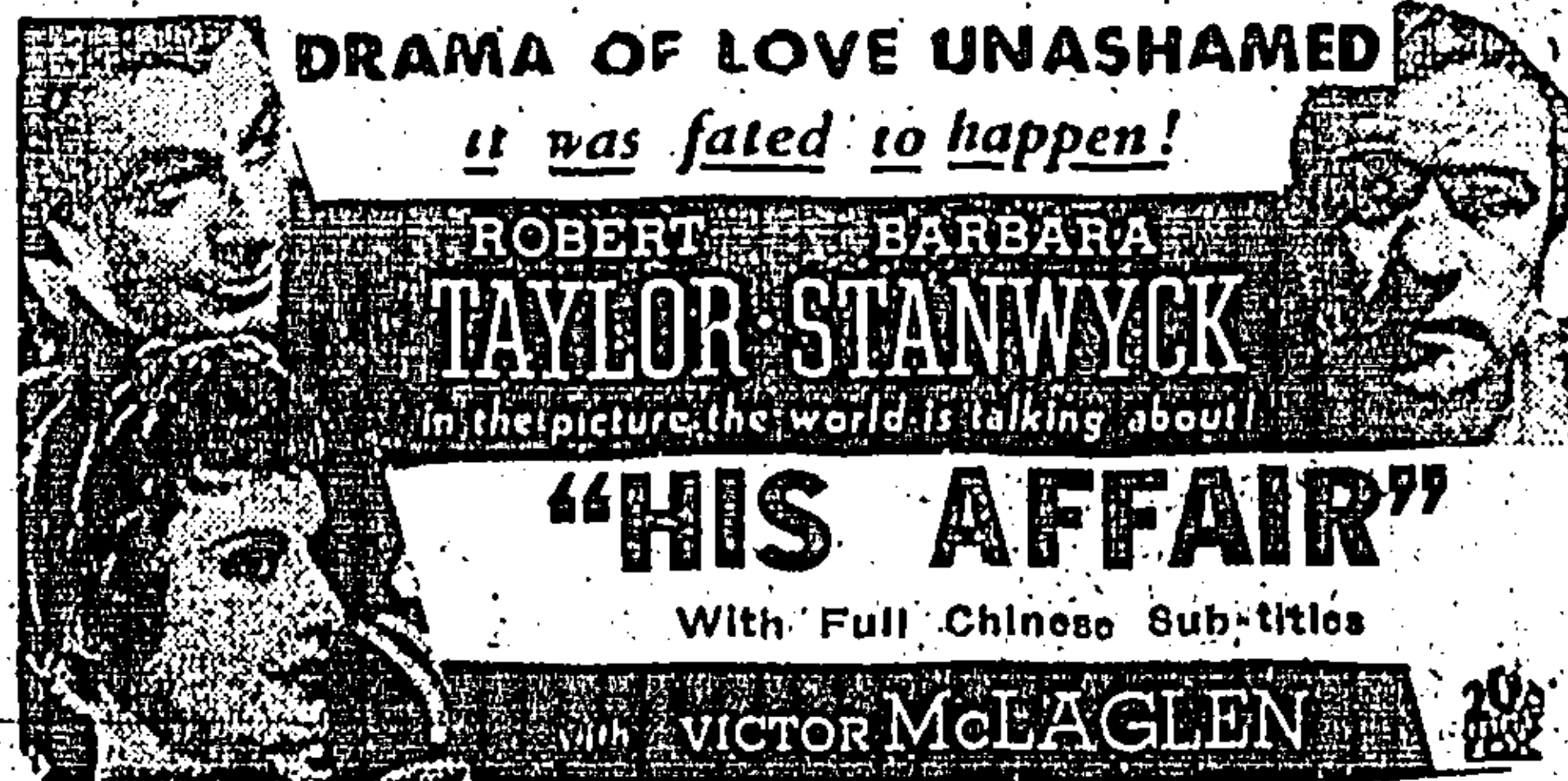
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BRITAIN ON GUARD

Eastern Command Ready For The Enemy

THE GROUND DEFENCES in the Eastern Command have been tremendously strengthened in the past few weeks, says a correspondent who has visited this vital sector.

The Home Guard there is playing an important part in the defence of inland waterways; they are providing a ceaseless patrol which makes it possible for the main defence unit—a mixed naval and military force commanded by a naval officer—to become a 100 per cent. striking force ready to throw its whole weight against the enemy wherever they may appear.

Demonstration revealed that this force can embark in thirty seconds and their small boats, each a complete fighting unit, head for the scene of action at 30 knots.

The Home Guard are scouts for this force. They usually patrol with a crew of four to each boat, taking with them a dinghy and bicycle.

One distinguished crew consisted of an Admiral, a major, a captain and a parson.

Army Confident

But it is still the army that has the responsibility of defending this area. Their confidence was expressed by the commanding officer who said: "We have become stronger every day and the Germans will have to be very clever to get through here."

"One thing is certain—if they come thousands of them will be killed and I don't think any support they may receive from the air will save them."

Race Course Transformed

Among places taken over by the military is a race course where stables have been transformed into first aid posts and powerful guns overshadow the finishing straight.

The speed of the defence force was shown when the "alarm" was given.

A battalion on motor-cycles and tractors blazed down the road over the hill towards the "enemy," while barriers were placed in position and all strong points manned in a matter of minutes.—Reuter.

Workers Enrol

Reuters special correspondent at the headquarters of the Northern Command says that "the armed industrial workers of the north, enrolled in the Home Guard, training side by side with the regular Army, are ready to give Britain's answer to Hitler's 'last appeal to reason' of which Southern England was given a leaflet reminder yesterday."

Miners, munition workers and dockside employees, who flocked in thousands to join the Home Guard in answer to the first appeal, are now, after 10 weeks, rehearsing battle orders with the regular Army.

All the forces are training to defeat the German invasion by air as well as sea and great ingenuity is being shown in the conception and forging of new weapons with which to counter German shock tactics.

Defending Own Homes

A senior staff officer was the first to testify to this answer during a 1,000 mile tour of the defences from the Wash to the Tyne, which I have just completed.

"Each of the Home Guard battalions—of a certain county—is affiliated to a regular Army unit. If necessity arises we join the soldiers in the Battle of Britain."

The Home Guard, however, will not be required to manoeuvre with other forces. Their role in case of invasion will be the defence of their own homes, villages and towns.

In the regular Army divisions, mobility is being aimed at above all else. Civilian buses have been

commandeered for the speedy transport of troops.

Full-Dress Rehearsal

I watched a full-dress rehearsal of the means of repelling an attempt by parachute troops to capture one of a dozen aerodromes with which this part of England is dotted. The Army and R.A.F. co-operated. By the strategic positioning of defence units around the perimeter of the aerodrome, the rapid arrival of armoured cars and a hail of protective fire from all sides, the enemy force was quickly wiped out.

At a coastal resort the Army tried a war plan for meeting a landing in one of the bays. The defences had been prepared to meet an attack anywhere along that stretch of cliff from the rear.

Secret defence positions were being built up with hardly any alteration to the outline of the innocent looking landscape.

A little more obvious, but their exact meaning well obscured by all the tricks of the new art of camouflage, were beach defences against the enemy, while young women rested and knitted in the sun.

General Sir Ronald Adam, Commander-in-Chief of the Northern Command, is confident that the people of the north will face any German shock and like it.—Reuter.

WANTS TO ARM M.P.S.

M.P.'s should have revolvers for defensive purposes, suggests Mr. F. S. Cocks, Socialist M.P. for Broxtowe, in a question he is to ask the Home Secretary.

He will ask if, "Seeing that in the event of an invasion, members of Parliament falling into enemy hands would probably be the first to be killed; he will consider issuing revolvers or other weapons to members so that they may be in a position to sell their lives as dearly as possible."

ROOSEVELT BACKS ARMY BILL

Replying to a question at his press conference at Washington yesterday, in regard to a report that he was "not so hot about conscription," President Roosevelt declared he was distinctly in favour of the Selective Service Training Bill, which he considered "essential to adequate national defence."

President Roosevelt declared the lessons of the present war showed that defence meant total defence. The United States had learned from the present war that nations without trained man power were in a bad way.

In 1917 the United States built an army of 4,000,000 men but the troops did not go into action until thirteen and a half months later and meanwhile no shot was fired against the United States' over here but that was sheer luck. It would never happen again in United States history.

The United States must have a trained Army beforehand, consisting of fighting men, supply men, mechanics, and factory workers because by training men in advance, nations saved human lives.

Shortly after President Roosevelt's statement the Senate Military Affairs Committee decided by six votes to four against the suggestion to limit conscription to a million men.—Reuter.

FROM THE "GAZETTE"

The following appointments are gazetted:—

Mr. James Roger Godfrey Wyatt to be Nautical Surveyor and Examiner of Masters and Mates, with effect from the 1st July, 1940.

Mr. Douglas Harvey Collins Taylor to be Clerk to the Board of Review pursuant to Section 40 of the War Revenue Ordinance, No. 13 of 1940, in addition to his other duties.

Mr. Donald Gordon Cairns to be Chief Boarding Officer, with effect from the 1st July, 1940.

Mr. Ngan Shing-kwan, J.P., to be a Member of the Licensing Board for a further period of three years, with effect from 22nd July, 1940.

Mr. Ng Sui-tong to be an Assistant Inspector of Labour, Factories and Workshops, with effect from 11th July, 1940.

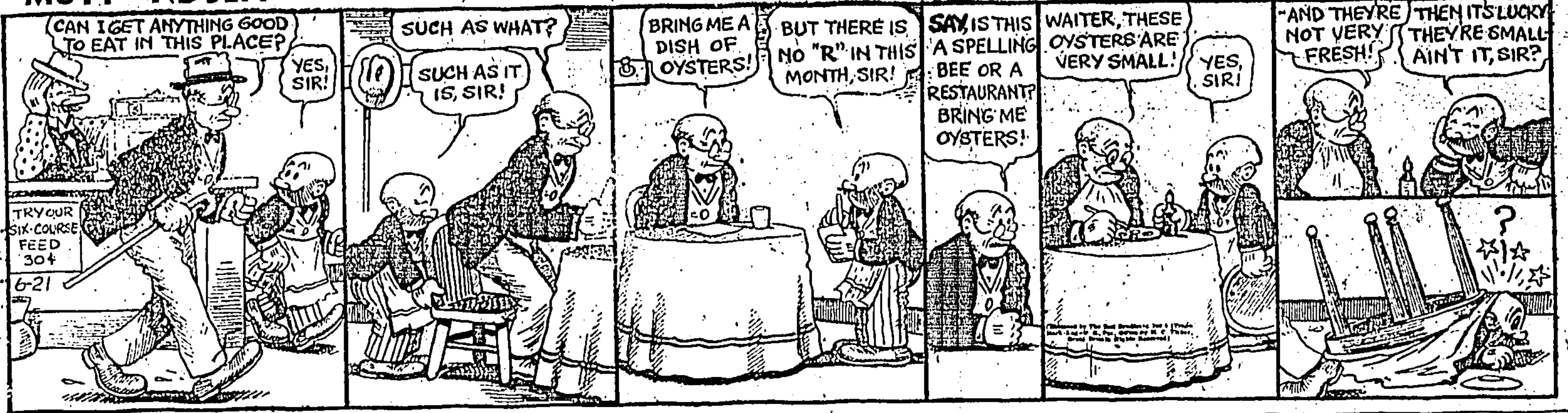
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ATTITUDE OF SPAIN UNDER FRANCO DECREE

A SO-CALLED policy of "non-belligerency" has been adopted by the Spanish Government, and a State decree to this effect, signed by General Franco, is published in the official bulletin.

Hostilities having spread to the Mediterranean (it is stated) by Italy's entry into the war with France and England, the Government have agreed upon the non-belligerence of Spain in the conflict.

What this will or is intended to lead up to cannot at present be stated with precision. No definition of what Spanish non-belligerency entails is given.

Belligerents will not, however, be allowed to distribute propaganda. Their reading rooms must close, and news bulletins prepared in the Press sections of the embassies of belligerents are to be suspended in Spain. This order of the Ministry of Interior appeared in the official bulletin. The preamble states that the transmission of news through the embassy Press sections has grown to such an extent and the spreading of this news and comments favourable to each one's point of view has reached the stage of a conflict of propaganda—a "war of paper," which may be a patriotic duty for the interested countries, but from the

Spanish point of view must be absolutely ended. Nevertheless the embassy Press sections may continue to publish bulletins, provided that they are sent exclusively to the Government authorities.

BIASSED PRESS

A dutiful paean of praise continues to be offered up in the Madrid Press to German prowess and Italy's "justified" entry into the war. Not a word of comment favourable to the Allies appears. "Arriba," being the organ of the only national party, the Falange, in Spain, and therefore semi-officially inspired, clearly states that Spain must stand by the two countries which helped their triumph in the civil war. "These two Powers," says "Arriba," "Spain cannot

forget, and no one must be surprised, especially the democracies, by the ardent sympathy with which Spain follows to-day the victories of the Axis Powers." "Arriba" attacks Mr. Churchill, who is alleged to have "recognised the worthiness of General Franco's cause but, as a good Englishman, said that he must support the contrary side in Spain's civil conflict."

This passage appears in other newspapers, obviously in accordance with instructions. "Arriba" likewise criticises Mr. Lloyd George for having "lamented that the English help to the Reds was not strong enough, so that the British Government might in these moments have had a democratic army, instead of 1,000,000 Falangists, guarding Spain." This paragraph is also reproduced in other newspapers in an increased wave of pro-Axis sympathies in the Press, which coincides with the Government's decreed policy of non-belligerency.

There are many undercurrents running in Madrid which will not make it easy for Spain to follow the Italian technique to the letter, and the majority of Spaniards are weary after their own conflict and its aftermath. In the throes of reconstruction and lacking many essential things, their only desire is neutrality in its full sense without any ambiguous gradations. They want an atmosphere of peace and non-involvement in which to recover.

"NON-BELLIGERENCY" AND ITS MEANING

Nothing so far has come to London that sheds light on the meaning of General Franco's decree of non-belligerency. Thoughts naturally turn to the Italian precedent and to the nine months of non-belligerency which—thanks to an indulgent Allied blockade—Italy turned to such profit both to herself and to her ally. Certain Spanish propagandists have already drawn the parallel between the Italian non-belligerency and the Spanish.

Without attempting to anticipate official explanations—or events—it can be suggested that there are certain differences between Italy of last September and Spain of to-day. Italy then was already an open military ally of Germany, and when they issued their decree of September 1 the Italian Cabinet made it clear that they were going to help their ally, although they would take "no initiative in military operations." Hitler in fact had not asked them publicly to join him; in a telegram sent to Mussolini on the eve of his invasion of Poland he had declared his firm conviction (since changed) that he would not need military aid from Italy in the war.

Although the events of the civil war are present in every one's mind the Spanish decree makes no mention of associates and merely states that the Government has declared "non-belligerency for Spain." As Spain is still suffering heavily in almost every way from the effects of the civil war, and as most Spaniards would view with abhorrence further military excursions or incursions, the phrase seems peculiarly vague in its implications. On the whole Spanish officials do not seem to expect any immediate change in their country's policy, and it is early yet for the Allies to form an opinion.

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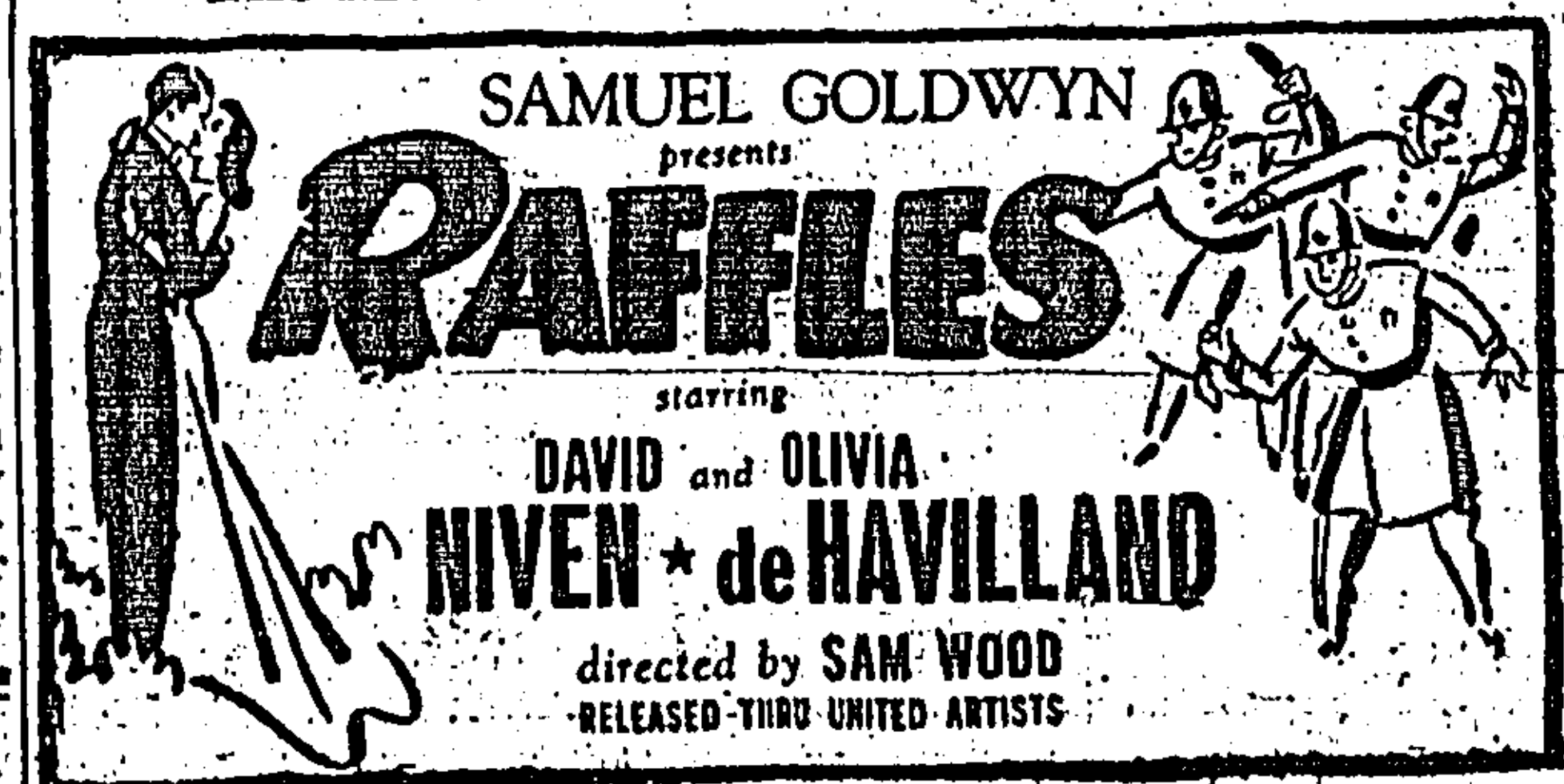
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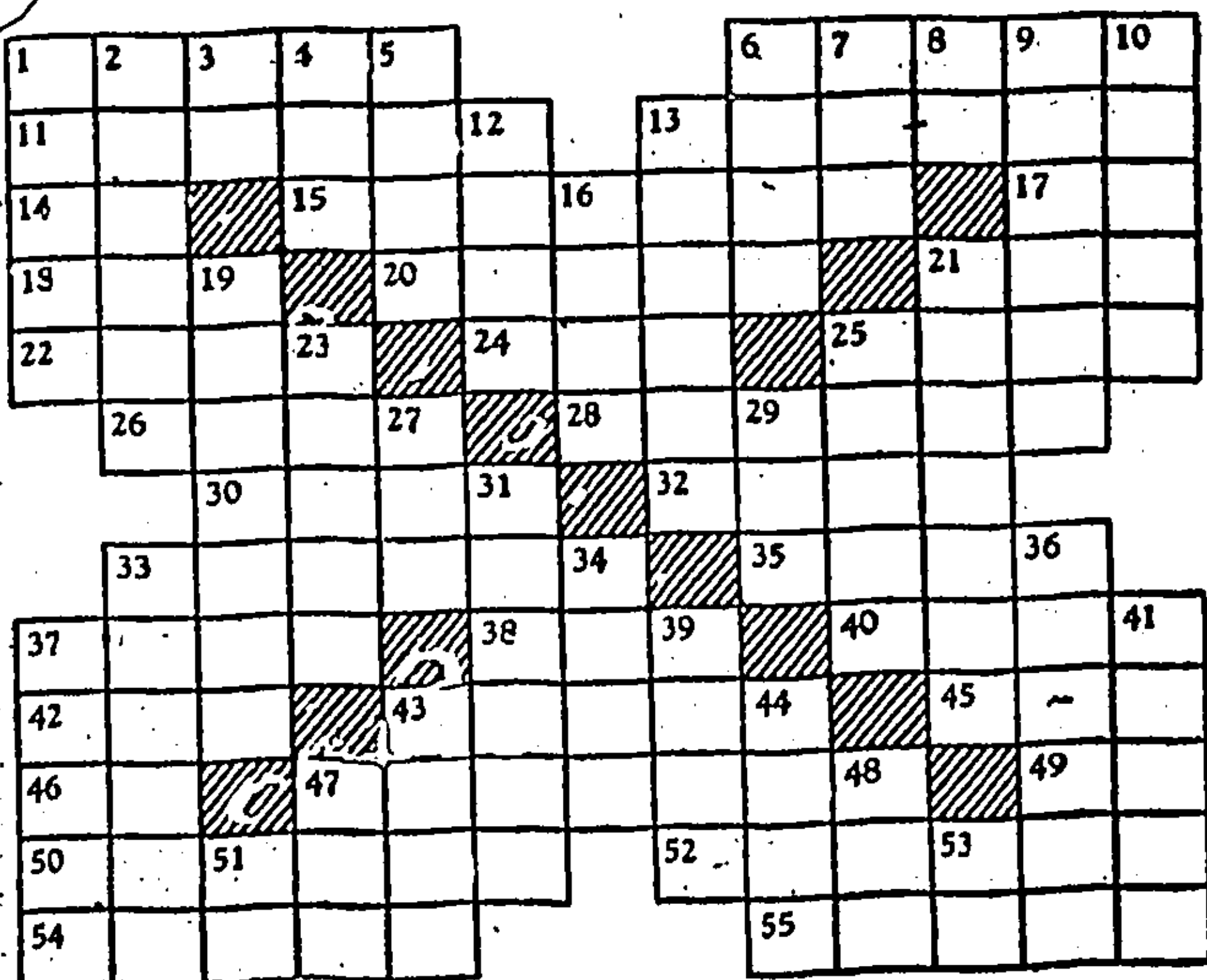


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- 20 Entices
- 21 Siamese coin
- 22 Mohammedan priest
- 24 Insect
- 25 Large sword
- 26 To stick
- 28 Quivering motion
- 30 Snare
- 32 Lath
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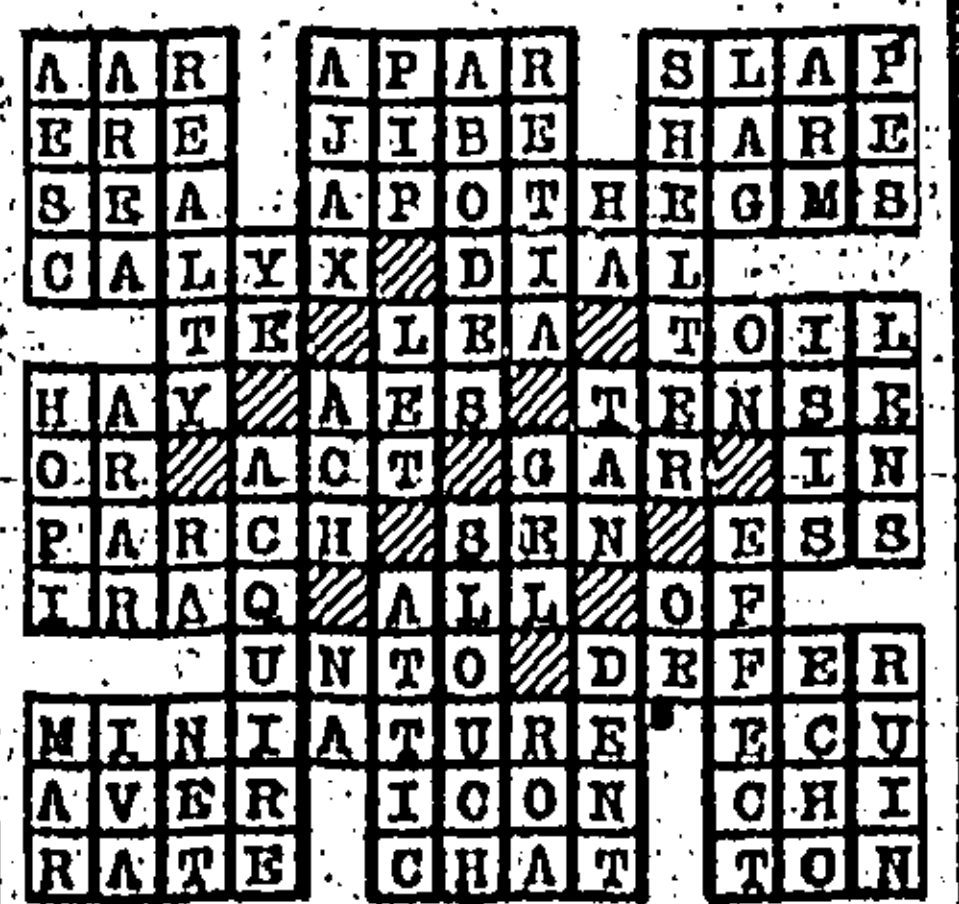
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- 9 Core
- 10 Growing out
- 12 To ignore
- 13 Heartens
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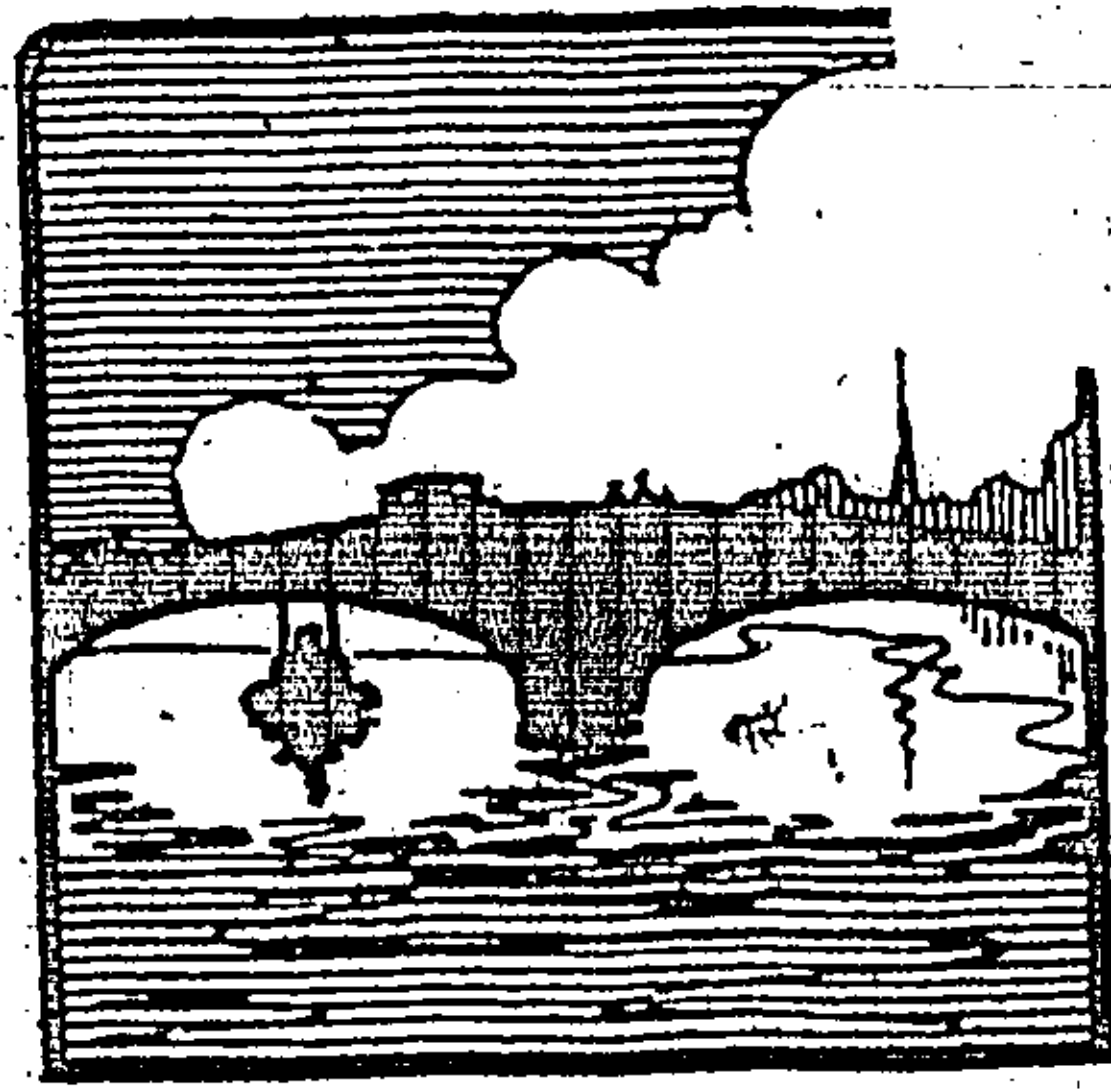
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Curtailment Of Liberty In Norway

HAVING BROKEN into Norway mainly by bribery and corruption, threats, demoralisation and ruse, the Germans quickly set about stamping out any attempts to preserve Norway's freedom and independence.

King Haakon was bombed from town to town through his country. The Norwegian people under German occupation, faced with economic ruin as a result of Germany's act, are forced to labour for their invaders. According to reports from Sweden they have to build fortifications and air bases and repair bombed aerodromes for the Germans. Their liberties are being steadily curtailed.

The German invasion deprived Norway at a blow of her important sources of income such as her shipping and whaling industries. Export markets from which she could earn free exchange are cut off, and where her exports can be diverted to Germany she has to take in exchange what Germany is able and chooses to send her. This is certainly not the oils Norway needs, for Germany has not enough for herself, nor the wool or cotton or textiles. Petrol restrictions have already ended all private motor traffic (Oslo message to Allehanda, Stockholm, quoted in "Manchester Guardian," 30.4.1940.) The German D.N.B. announced on June 5 that "filling stations" for wood and charcoal for motor vehicles were being opened in Oslo and the vicinity. Transport difficulties which inflicted severe local shortages of coal on Germany, operate also against the supplying of Norway. Norwegian farmers are to get offal for fodder and ersatz fodder made of cellulose according to a Stockholm report ("The Times," April 27, 1940). It has been estimated that 25% of the cattle herds will have to be slaughtered in order to save fodder and that not more than half will long be preserved ("Neue Zürcher Zeitung"). All metals except iron and steel have been rationed.

ECONOMIC RUIN

The violent dislocation in Norway's national economy soon produced food shortages. Municipalities were soon in economic difficulties and towns like Fredrikstad had to cut all salaries on the municipal pay roll by 25%. The cost of living is rising very rapidly. The "Neue Zürcher Zeitung" has pointed out that Norway has to import about three-quarters of her requirements of grain for bread, totalling about 400,000 tons a year. Great stocks have already been removed to Germany. Among the first measures taken by the German invaders was the intensification of the rationing of bread, flour, rice, pens, coffee and sugar. Norway's margarine industry is being forced to close down for lack of whale-oil and fats from overseas. It has been decreed that all oil and petrol are to be reserved for the needs of agriculture and industrial purposes and for transport, principally of food supplies and German troops. The use for mechanical purposes of fats which can

serve as food-stuffs or can be refined for that purpose has been forbidden, as has the use of linseed oil for the manufacture of soap.

FORCED LABOUR FOR THE NAZIS

Unemployment increases as factories shut down for lack of raw materials or markets. Districts dependent on the whaling or timber industries, such as Vestfold and Ostfold are particularly badly hit, and unemployment figures have risen in Oslo. The Norwegian Unemployment Insurance has ceased to operate and is not expected to revive ("Hufvudstadsbladet," May 10). Norwegian labour is forced to build or repair aerodromes for the invaders.

THE NAZI GRIP

One of the first German acts after the invasion was to impose on the Norwegians a puppet Government of the traitor, Major Quisling. He was soon thrown aside, and now a German commissar dominates Norwegian administration. Terboven, the Gauleiter of the Essen district in the Ruhr, while the German Minister in Copenhagen, von Renth-Finck, has been appointed Hitler's special plenipotentiary. Terboven has installed himself in the King's summer palace at Bygdø, outside Oslo. The pride of Oslo, the million pound city hall, has been turned into a barracks for German troops ("Daily Express," 18.4.1940, dispatch from O. L. E. Hoelass from Oslo via New York).

BLACK-OUT OF FREEDOM

The Norwegian Press is muzzled. The Labour paper, "Arbeiderbladet" and the Liberal "Dagbladet" have ceased to appear. Norway now has a new German newspaper, the "Deutsche Zeitung in Norwegen." Newspapers are forbidden to publish news from Allied news agencies or other sources (Moscow wireless, May 26).

According to reports in Stockholm ("The Times," 28.5.1940), 1,000 special Gestapo agents, including 300 women, have arrived in Oslo. At Moss, a town on Oslo Fjord, the Germans placarded Jewish shops, and the wireless receivers of Jewish families in Oslo were confiscated. There are reports of the deaths of well-known Oslo personalities. In some areas curfew has been imposed and Norwegians are forbidden to go out of doors after 10 p.m. According to reports from

BRITISH TROOPS' HEROISM

The last stand of a British regiment at the little harbour town of St. Valery-en-Caux was described in London by a French liaison officer.

Completely surrounded by the enemy, they fought all night at barricades in the midst of the blazing town after driving the enemy back at the point of the bayonet. I found the French officer in hospital, gaunt-faced and with hair now streaked with grey. His praise for the British troops was beyond words.

It all happened suddenly (he said). The men had fought their way back magnificently right to the coast, and at last we reached St. Valery. British and French troops were there. French and British generals gathered at a conference. The next day I was asked to pass certain instructions to the French artillery. The town was so packed with cars and people I had to break through doors and pass through houses to reach the point. On the way back a German aeroplane circled over the town three times making observation. Then it all began.

As I walked back to British headquarters heavy shelling started. We helped to free some mules from their harness, then a shell burst on a house beside me and I was wounded in the leg. This was bandaged, and I went on. An hour later there was heavy bombing and many parts of the town began to blaze fiercely. Then to my surprise I heard heavy machine-gun fire, and British troops began to rush up the streets with fixed bayonets. The Germans were beginning to come into the town. The battle became terrific, with fierce machine-gun and shell fire among the blazing buildings. The Germans were on the west cliff and the west side of the harbour. I joined some Englishmen on the east side of the harbour entrance and fired at the Germans only a few hundred yards away. Then things suddenly quietened down, and I understand that the British had driven the Germans from the west cliff.

BRITISH WERE MAGNIFICENT

As night fell the battle began again. The British were magnificent. They manned the barricades set up in the streets. First the enemy shelled and then machine-gunned. I saw one sergeant making his men laugh and leading them in songs as they took cover against the shelling in the light of the flaming buildings. The moment the shelling stopped they were at the barricades.

Next morning we went off to the beach under heavy machine-gun fire. The nearest boats were at Veuls les Roses, some miles away. The beach was swept by machine-guns. Every few yards was a dead or wounded man. We ran and hid in crannies at the cliff foot. At one point a shell had brought down a heap of chalk. Here were lying many men killed and wounded in climbing the obstacle. Along this beach I saw another example of supreme coolness by the British. To make more rapid progress a whole platoon walked along the beach in a widely spaced line side by side instead of in file—just as if they were on parade. I reached the boats. One was aground but overloaded. I stripped my clothes and swam to a small trawler.

Stockholm ("The Times," 6.5.1940), in Oslo itself visits to interned persons are no longer allowed. The number of persons interned is not known. Among those in the University building is the Editor-in-Chief of the leading Norwegian newspaper, "Aftenposten."

NORWAY MAY NOT KEEP HER SOUL

Norwegians were not allowed to celebrate the Norwegian National Day, May 17, and no flags were allowed to be hoisted, or Norwegian emblems to be worn. Terboven has announced that Norwegians who "insult" other Norwegians who have friendly relations with their invaders, will be severely punished. Norwegians who attempt to join Norwegian forces fighting for independence against Germany will be dealt with by German courts-martial ("Neue Zürcher Zeitung," 3.6.1940.)



BRITAIN "LISTENS IN"

Among radio-speakers who talk in English at regular intervals from abroad the best-known to British listeners are Mr. Raymond Gram Swing, and a person known as Lord Haw Haw whose words are sent out from Hamburg and Bremen. Strange that men so diametrically opposite as these two should be the favourites in Britain. But perhaps "favourite" as applied to the second of them is not the word.

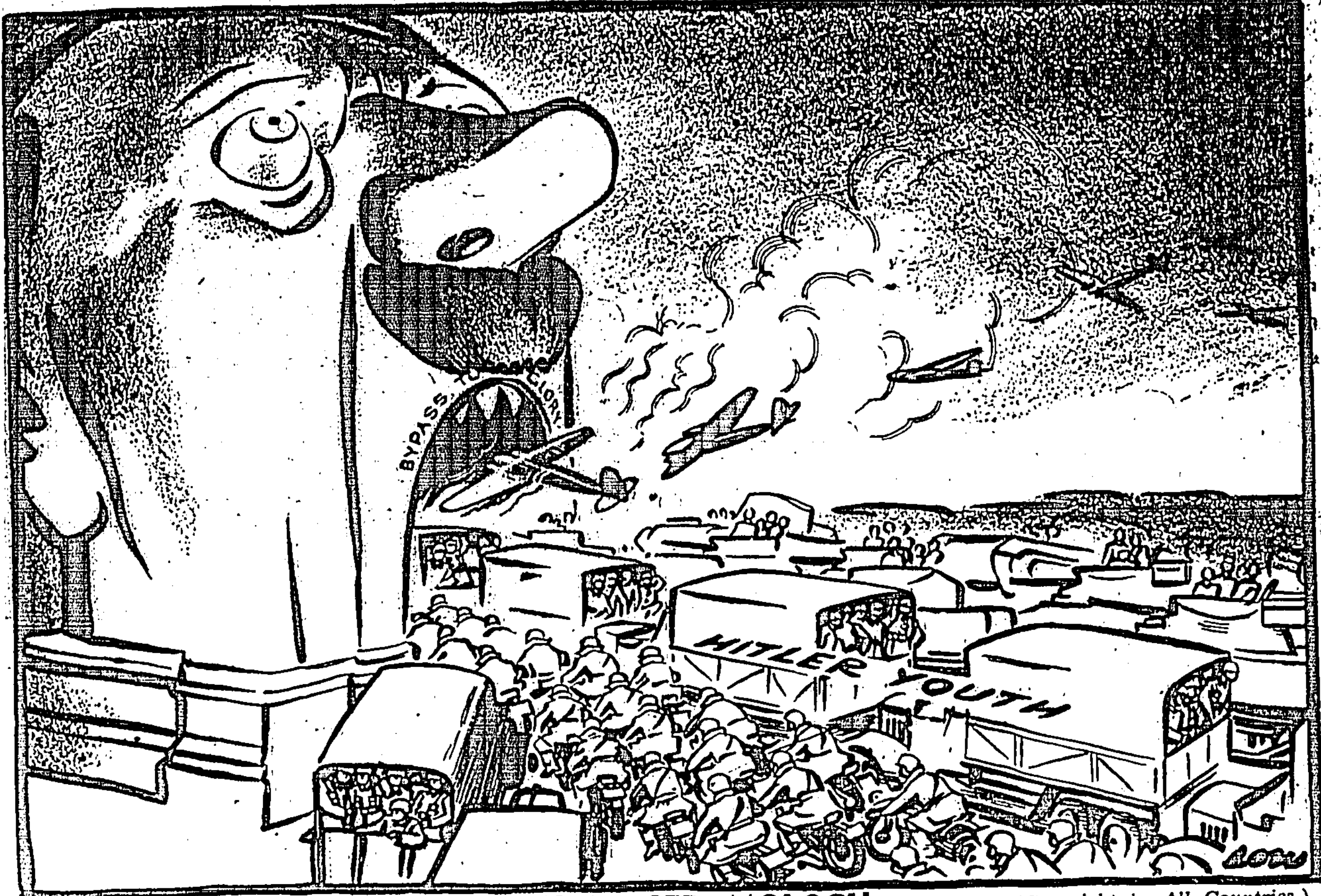
No one likes Lord Haw Haw. We do not believe him, but we listen. Partly it is from sheer curiosity, and partly because it is informative to know the very worst construction that can be put on one's own actions. If this is what Germany says and thinks—well, it is better to know.

The Briton switches off and turns to Mr. Swing. "America speaking." The Briton has little expectation that the United States will depart from the isolationist attitude, though we hope that it may be favourable to the Allies within the limits it has set itself. We are learning to take an interest in the Presidential campaign, though doubtless to many Britons the details of the electoral procedure are baffling. And there are Britons to whom news of week-to-week happenings in the United States is more welcome now than ever before because it brings before us the life of a civilised nation that is not, as we are, immersed in war and thoughts of war.

ROADS OF ADVENTURE

Traveling in Great Britain is rapidly taking on aspects of an adventure. With the removal of signposts, it is no longer easy for the motorist to find his way. No longer is the traveler tempted to murmur "impossible" when he is confronted at a Yorkshire cross-roads with the injunction, "Jump, 2 miles." Nor does he wince at the sign pointing the way to the Ugley Men and Women's Institute. Even shop signs that indicate the names of places are being removed.

Thus the motorist, pampered too long perhaps by automobile-association route maps, road patrols, and signposts, takes a leap back into the conditions of an exciting past, and often enough does not know where he is going, nor when he has got there. More and more, writes a Londoner, the British motorist is realis-



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Some Ways Of Seeing Things

By Ivor Brown

In times of great anxiety and distress not only do omens and superstitions win increased regard: the belief in vision and prediction is also widened and strengthened. That illusions and phantasms may be born of fright and care is obviously true, but there are a growing number of people who while claiming to be as rational as anybody else, yet assert the possibility of super-sensuous perception, "second sight," or whatever you may choose to call it.

The argument might run that the intuitive powers of the mystic depend for their effectiveness upon a certain initial victory over matter. This may take the form of starving the senses by self-denial and of strengthening the mind by exercises in prolonged, profound, and solitary concentration. The former has been most typical of Christian mysticism and the latter of the Yoga regimen. Neither practice is a separate one; obviously they are interdependent to some degree. Great suffering, such as that imposed by war, is a form of compulsory self-denial, and concentration of mind upon the odious thing is also inevitable in war-time. So some at least of the conditions of mystical experience or second sight are greatly multiplied by the common anguish of our days. There is, moreover, a widespread readiness for unusual experience and a stimulated will to believe.

In Dreams

There are some who say that this experience, carrying with it gifts of prevision, is most likely to be encountered in dreams, when our subconscious mind is working in freedom from the ordinary

ing the deep comfort to be got from Stevenson's remark: that "To travel hopefully is better than to arrive." For the one is now much easier to do than the other.

bonds of sense-perception. Others might say that the dream-world is so often non-sensical as to be wholly untrustworthy for any guidance or information which it may seem, by flashes, to convey. Certainly for every dream that comes true (and is therefore much talked about) there must be dozens which are false prophecy or mere gibberish and are therefore dismissed in silence. Meanwhile some believers in "second sight" say that their glimpse of things to come may arrive at any

waking moment. As you walk along the street, you may see the events of to-morrow. There is no need of a dream to pass from the first, elementary, and normal kind of sight to the second, more subtle, and most strange.

Generally, but not inevitably, such usage of second sight is explained as an escape from the three-dimensional world into one which is not similarly conditioned by notions of time and space. The mind, we are told, is somehow enabled to rise above and beyond the ordinary means of perception (in dreams, of course, time and space remain in a strangely distorted form) and so to escape from the tyranny of Here and Now. The issue has been translated into terms of the theatre by Mr. Priestley more than once, and has again been admirably related in a fascinating novel of the Highlands called "Second Sight," by Mr. Neil Gunn.

Unconscious Mysticism

The subject is particularly well adapted to the Highland setting, not only because Mr. Gunn can write with such skill about the arduous and endurance of the deer forest but because the Highlanders have an especial reputation for "seeing things." That they might have unusual and mystical experience is, by our previous argument, not unnatural. For they have struggled for livelihood on too bare a land to be self-indulgent. Necessity has starved their material desires, while surroundings of lonely beauty may have unconsciously heightened their awareness of immaterial forces. One says "unconsciously" because, as Mr. Gunn points out, they rarely consider or allude to the loveliness of their landscape.

The idea of prevision is thus expressed by one of Mr. Gunn's characters, drawing on and simplifying the work of Dunne:

In the four-dimensional world you should be able to look along the dimension of time just as we can look along the dimension of a straight line. If I put my finger there on the edge of the white cloth and call the spot Now, I can see not only the past part of the line extending up to my finger but the future part extending beyond it. In the same way a person in the fourth-dimensional world could not only see the past on our line of time up to Now but also the future beyond it.

Now this surely involves the conception of a rigidly determined future which cannot be affected by human intervention. If A. accurately foresees his death to-morrow in a railway accident, how can he avert it by staying at home? But this determinism is rejected by the Fourth Dimensionists, who claim that

The mathematics of the situation, taking the serial, multi-dimensional view into account, would appear to permit of interference with foreseen events.

Absurd

The only response of the average man will be a confession that he does not understand the "mathematics of the situation" and a surmise that the Fourth Dimensionists may not be so much wiser themselves.

Plainly a single article can but hint at some aspects of this enormous subject: it can deeply penetrate none of them. Even were the mind able, the hand is constrained for more than ever in war-time must writers acknowledge the realities of space and time. Certainly I would not claim to comprehend the mathematics of "serialism." But public interest in such matters is obviously growing, while there is increasing scepticism of the scientific dogmatism which would dismiss any new idea (or fancy, if you prefer to call it so) with a brief grunt of "Absurd! Preposterous!" Appalled by the powers of mechanical invention, we more and more regard our world as one in which anything can happen, and even apply to the powers of the mind the devastating mutability and uncanny progress of workshop and laboratory technique.

We may, however, skip the deeper metaphysical and mathematical complications involved in this matter of a fourth dimension and the precise foretelling of light.

events. Between the ordinary optical vision and such predictive power there lies a half-way house of what may be called heightened perception. There are years of young discovery and rapture, not unconnected with first love, and there are moments and days and months in later life when one really does seem to own new eyes and to discover new and glorious significance in familiar things. As another of Mr. Gunn's characters exquisitely puts it:

Colour glows. Flowers, trees, the surface of our earth are seen with what is called new eyes. Over all is a lovely light. The mind is transported. Beauty becomes so heightened that the frail, newly awakened spirit can hardly bear it: in fact, cannot bear it at times, and breaks down in tears, tears neither of joy nor of sorrow, that yet seem to perform a mysterious cleansing or purifying act. The person undergoing this experience acquires a new consideration for humanity, wants to do little acts of kindness, wants all the world to be happy, to be at peace, to be rid of struggle and wrangling and the diabolic horrors of war.

Total Mystic

Poets and artists of all kinds are much in this state. Wordsworth must have had ten years of it, Shelley almost all his sentient life. Many of us never have it. But those who do know it are privileged and thankful beyond power to explain.

If this be not the true "second sight" of the total mystic, if it involves both less torment and less rapture than came to an Emily Bronte in her capture and loss of the Unseen, still it is a most precious possession. Not so abnormal or miraculous as to be frightening, it yet confers upon common clay "bright shoots of everlastingness." The appetite for living grows: boredom becomes impossible. The senses are recreated and refashioned. The art of seeing things is practised more fully, with new keenness, and with a finer sense of Nature's intricate relations. After all, the complete second-sighters do have a sad time of it. In Mr. Gunn's book, as in banshee yarns, it is mainly the dark and lethal matters they desecrate. One might pray rather for the intermediary of increased vision the gift, as it were, of the one-and-a-half sighter, the function of the poet's eye. Thus "to see things" seems to offer less darkness and fewer dangers and has its own deep treasury of de-



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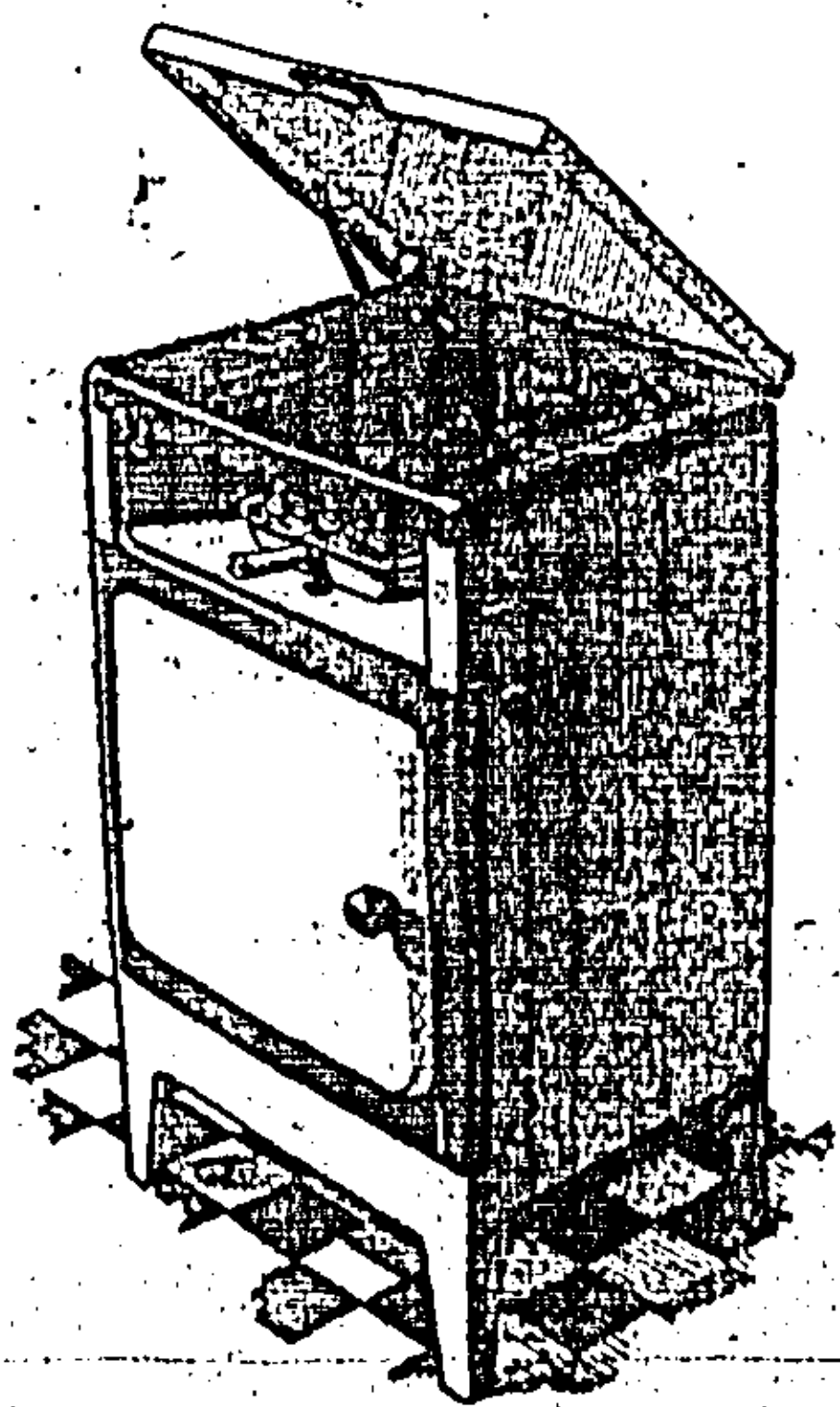
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OCCUPATION BY NAZI GERMANY

A NAZI GERMAN invasion may be violent as in Poland, the Low Countries and France, or "protective," that is, imposed by threat of violence, as in Czechoslovakia and Denmark.

Violence and fifth column demoralisation may be combined as in Holland. Promises and blandishments are used to induce surrender and submission. The Czechs were promised Home Rule.

To steel Norwegian independence Germans were sent who had been cared for by Norway at her expense in their needy childhood after the war of 1914-18. They said they had come as friends, and played music and sang songs. The promises are broken and the blandishments discarded as soon as they have served their purpose.

THE NAZI GRIP TIGHTENS

To diminish opposition and thereby economise German expenditure of effort, the existing Government or a puppet Government nominally of local origin may be allowed at the outset of the occupation to carry on the administration of the invaded country. The trick has been played with Dr. Hacha's administration, and the Danish government. In Norway there was sleight of hand with a Cabinet under the traitor Quisling and later a Norwegian Council of Administration.

But even where the velvet glove is worn at first the mailed fist soon bursts through and fastens its grip on the victim's throat. The brutal State-Secretary Frank in Bohemia-Moravia, or Reichskommissar Terboven in Norway, take over power and dominate the administration. Sooner or later the Gestapo comes in. There is spying and shadowing and intimidation at once. Concentration camps may come into the picture from the start or later.

THE ECONOMIC SQUEEZE

The Nazis of course are not benefited by the economic ruin of their victim which automatically ensues from their invasion; but they do not scruple to inflict it. They may at first make a show of mitigating it and bringing their own supplies with their troops, as in Denmark. But they very quickly proceed to their immediate aim, the plunder of raw materials, man-power and food for the ever-increasing hunger with which their war policy has devastated Germany. Drastic rationing is accompanied by military requisitions and by seizure of raw materials, and the exploitation of industry and agriculture to fulfil German needs. The Germans may trade in exchange such products of their own as they are able and choose to send. In industry control is furthered by imposing German directors as in Bohemia-Moravia, or expropriation as in Poland, and by German economic dictatorship. Agriculture has to produce what it is told for German needs.

"The German authorities responsible for the economic penetration and exploitation of the territories invaded by the German military machine... have evolved a standard procedure which is varied in individual cases to meet the particular characteristics of the victim, but nevertheless shows common features which have by now become somewhat familiar. In Denmark we are at present witnessing the first stage of the elaborately conceived, and systematically executed plan which in Austria and Czechoslovakia led ultimately to the eradication of all national independence in economic and financial matters. In Poland the process is still in full swing; it follows there the same lines as used against earlier victims of Nazi aggression, though it is applied with rather less finesse than was considered advisable on previous occasions.

The very first measures of the invading army are, of course, the seizure of public utilities, means of transport, and other essential parts of the economy. This is followed where possible by confiscation of foodstuffs, rationing of consumption, issues of "Army promissory notes" and sequestration of public funds. The next move is habitually the cutting of commercial links with foreign countries, a measure which is the first step on the way towards the complete incorporation of new territories into the economy of the Reich. These precautionary actions are soon followed by more comprehensive and systematic measures with the purpose of bringing trade, industry and finance into the orbit of Nazi system. New rates of exchange are fixed, new taxes are introduced, the productive State property is made to serve the interests of the Reich Government, private banks are subordinated to the control of official and semi-official institutions in the old parts of Germany, leading private firms are encouraged to seek the support of German companies, and the whole system of Government control and supervision is extended to the newly acquired territory. As loot is one of the chief aims of Nazi aggression, action is soon taken to transfer the movable wealth of the invaded country to the old and impoverished parts of the Reich. Railway rolling stock, road vehicles, all kinds of machinery, stocks of raw materials and food-stuffs are considered most valuable and have been taken in large quantities.

"It is impossible to give even a rough estimate of the assets of the annexed countries which the German authorities have either taken to other parts of the Reich or exported in their own interest. The effect on the countries concerned was very serious. Important means of production and transport have been permanently removed, their economy has been crippled and subordinated to the needs of the Nazi war machine, large numbers of the population

SHORTAGE OF BEER IN MANCHOUKUO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Faced with the tragedy of a beer shortage throughout Manchoukuo, breweries and wholesalers have banded together in an attempt to establish a union to control distribution of the scarce beverage.

The union, according to an announcement, is designed to strengthen relations between the brewers and dealers, and to improve the distribution system.

Manchoukuo consumed 1,300,000 cases of beer last year. Of these, 20,000 were imported from Japan. Imports of Japanese beer have ceased this year, however, and although local breweries have increased their output by 50,000 cases, the people are at present suffering from a 12 per cent. shortage.—Havas.

have been sent away, and the productive capacity has been reduced. The fate of the population in these countries, it may be argued, is not much worse than that of the German provinces which have undergone a similar process of impoverishment under Nazi rule. But in Czechoslovakia, and still more in Poland, though less in Austria, it has been the deliberate policy of the Nazi administration to remove even essential commodities without regard for local needs, and great hardship has thus been caused. There is, unfortunately, no reason to believe that Denmark will fare better than former victims of Nazi aggression. Every successive step in the march of aggression is made to pay for the following one, with the result of general deprivation and misery. Wealthy countries are reduced to the low level of living which Nazi policy has brought about in Germany, but it cannot be said that Germany has derived any lasting benefit from its territorial conquest." (1).

MANHOOD DRAINED AWAY

The unemployment caused by the economic ruin of the victim provides man-power for Germany. German farmers have been promised a million Poles to work for them. Hundreds of thousands are working as prisoners of war, hundreds of thousands more have been transported to work under conditions inferior even to those of German workers. Separated from their families, they are, in the words of the T.U.C. *Industrial News* of February 27th, 1940, "at the mercy of a clique of Nazi officials and employers who can conscript them, draft them where they will, pay them such wages and work them such hours as Nazi Police chiefs think fit. Polish workers have no locally customary wages and limitations of hours obtaining for German workers, though even the latter have a working day of 10 to 12 hours, not counting overtime. It is significant that the Nazis have given the name of the "first General Regency of the Third Reich" to German-occupied Poland. They hope to add regions in other parts of the world to those under its yoke, to reduce free workers to slavery and to prevent the liberation of those already enslaved."

In countries such as the Scandinavian neutrals, where the Germans hope to obtain their ends with the use of less troops, a rather more subtle beginning is made. The local unemployment assistance arrangements break down or the Germans lay their hands on them and withhold relief. Then the unemployed are forced to build or repair aerodromes and fortifications in their own country for the use of their invaders, as in the case of the Norwegians, or organisation is set up for the "voluntary" transfer of workers to Germany, as in the case of the Danes.

THE BLACK-OUT OF FREEDOM

To suppress opposition, or criticism of their invasion and plundering, liberty of expression is simultaneously stifled. Press and radio are muzzled, free speech and right of assembly "verboten." Only news sources favourable to Germany may be used. Newspapers which do not toe the line are censored or suppressed. Objectively-minded journalists lose their jobs and perhaps their liberty. Minds are imprisoned and the outside world cut off. This suppression is one of the earliest cares of the German military authorities.

(1) *The Statist*, April 20th, 1940, article on The Economics of Annexation.

Russia And China Block Japanese Monroe Doctrine

FORMER JAPANESE Foreign Minister Hachiro Arita's rather vague Japanese Monroe Doctrine for East Asia and adjacent insular areas in the western Pacific ocean, has marked another forward step in Nipponese policy in that part of the world.

It has not, however, cleared up Japan's immediate intentions.

What the foreign minister said, in effect, was that Japan considers herself the dominant military, political and economic power in East Asia and that she hopes to become the centre of a great new aggroupment of East Asian peoples which will work together for mutual prosperity and self-improvement.

What he did not say is that Japan still has to bring her long conflict with Nationalist China to a successful conclusion and has not yet reached an understanding with Russia which would enable her, in event of need, to utilise all her armed forces in establishing domination over the Netherlands East Indies, French Indo-China, British Hong Kong and other foreign-controlled areas within the proposed new Japanese sphere of domination.

SILENT ON RUSSIA

The programme, in some respects, was noteworthy for its lack of specific references to Russia which has been a chief opponent of Japanese expansion for more than a decade.

It should be remembered that Russia herself has been carrying out an aggressive policy in eastern Asia ever since 1924. It was in that year that Soviet "advisers" began to gain control of the Chinese nationalists' revolution, then led by the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen, and began the penetration which resulted in formation of the powerful Chinese Communist party which has maintained its independence and increased in strength despite continued pressure from Chinese Nationalist Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek and the Japanese.

The Chinese Communist party, with Russian support, has controlled considerable areas of China ever since 1927 when it split from Generalissimo Chiang's Kuomintang (Nationalist) party and established a Soviet government.

SPREAD RED IDEAS

It has been a dominant factor in the Chinese revolutionary youth movement and has made a great deal of progress in spreading Red ideas among the peasantry, particularly in north-west China.

The communists joined Generalissimo Chiang's "All-China anti-Japanese Front" at the beginning of the Chinese-Japanese conflict three years ago but have never surrendered their independence. Their armies have been maintained in the field and they have retained control of government in the north-west provinces. Communist leaders continually have flown back and forth between the Chinese nationalist capital in Chungking and Moscow.

Thus it would appear that any Japanese move for sudden expansion southward hardly could be envisaged without taking Russia's attitude into consideration.

STATEMENT IN MANCHURIA

Russia, it must be remembered, has kept from 300,000 to 500,000 Japanese troops immobilised in Manchuria throughout the three years of the China war, she has fortified points in Kamchatka and her islands to the northward of Japan and has enlarged her naval base and airfields at Vladivostok—"the arrow which points at the heart of Japan."

What Moscow thinks of the foreign minister's programme will be of the utmost importance. If the Russian attitude is "thumbs down" the Japanese moves southward undoubtedly will be checked. If, on the other hand, Josef Stalin feels that it is in his interest to see Japan expand southward so that pressure on his own spheres of influence, notably in Outer Mongolia and north-west China, will be removed, one may expect startling developments.

MANCHOUKUO EXCHANGE CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Exchange control laws in Manchoukuo have been revised anew and now place a 50-yuan limit on the amount of money that may be brought into or taken out of the country. The chief points set forth in the revised laws are: Ban upon circulation of, as well as receipt and payment in foreign currencies, notes of the Federal Reserve Bank of China, Mongolian banknotes, and other alien currencies, in Manchoukuo.

Control upon transfer from Manchoukuo of domestic, Japanese and foreign currencies. Reduction of the limit of currencies carried by out-going tourists to 50 yuan from 500 yuan.

Restraint on influx of the domestic, Japanese and foreign currencies. Lowering of the amount of currency which may be carried by incoming tourists to 50 yuan from 200 yuan.

All remittances abroad must now be made only with a permit, which replaces the former free limit of 500 yuan per annum. Remittances by coolies to their homes (in North China, from where they were imported) are also subject to permits.

The Kwantung Territory, it was also announced, has taken similar steps, to ensure full co-ordination with Manchoukuo in their common economic policy. The revised exchange control laws came into effect on July 15.—Havas.

DEATH FOR HOARDING IN GERMANY

THERE IS A GREAT RUSH IN GERMANY NOW TO BUY THINGS. THE GERMAN PEOPLE WHO STILL REMEMBER THE INFLATION PERIOD AFTER THE LAST GREAT WAR ARE ANXIOUS TO BUY AS MANY THINGS AS THEY POSSIBLY CAN AND TO LAY UP STOCKS OF VARIOUS PRODUCTS.

The Nazi authorities look with great disfavour upon this movement and according to para. 1 of the War Economy Decrees which have been recently issued, persons who "destroy, hold back or hoard raw materials or goods which are of vital necessity to the people are liable to imprisonment, hard labour, and even death."

The official journal of the Ministry of Justice, "Die Deutsche Justiz," elaborates this paragraph and states that furniture, silk material, musical instruments, fall into this category.

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The Annual Business Meeting of the Cheung Chau Residents Association is to be held on Monday at 10 a.m. in the Cheung Chau Assembly Hall. All residents are expected to attend.

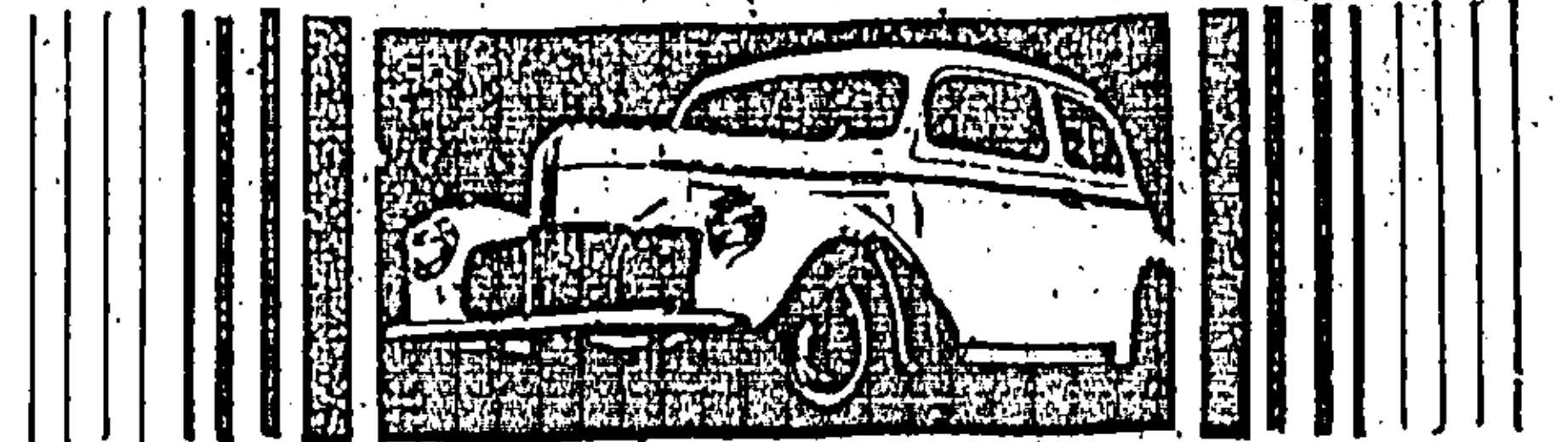
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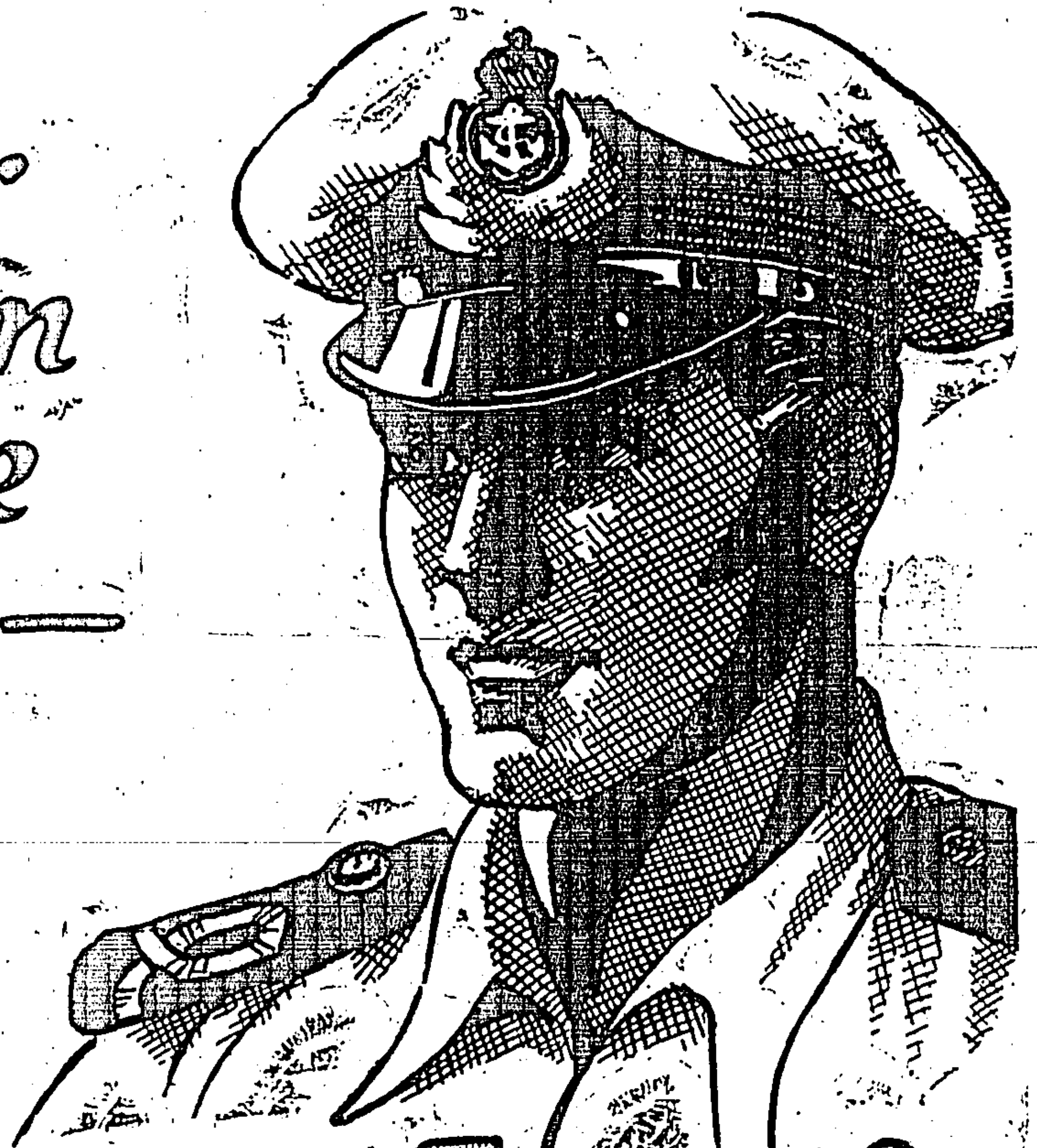
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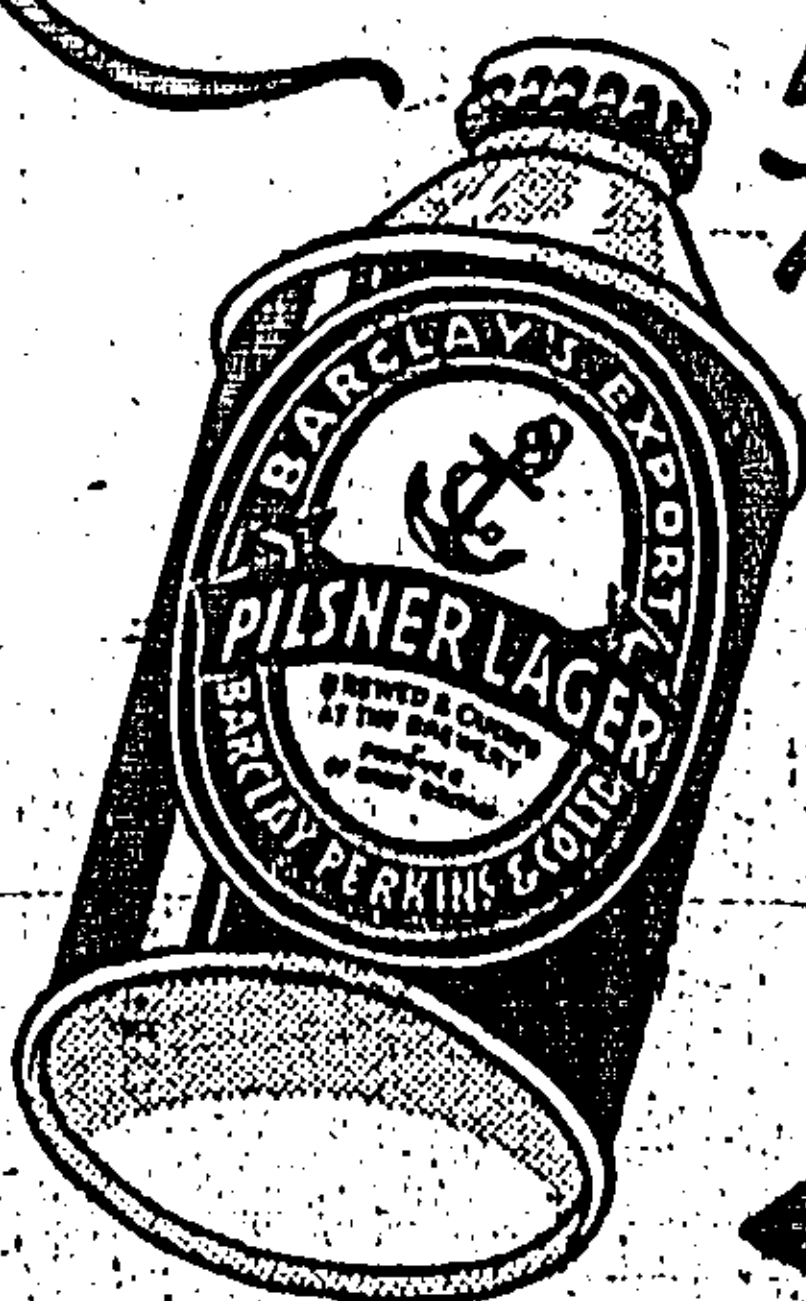
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 ♦ A 8 4
 ♣ J 10 9
 ♠ 8 4
 ♥ 10 3
 ♦ K J 9 6
 ♣ 3
 ♠ A K Q 10 9
 ♥ A K Q 6
 ♦ 5 2
 ♣ 7 2

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1♠	Pass	1NT	Pass
2♥	Pass	2♠	Pass
3♠	Pass	4♠	Pass

West led the Jack of clubs, dummy finessed the Queen, and East won with the King. The club return was taken in dummy, and South entered his hand with a high heart to try out the diamonds. Unfortunately, however, East won dummy's ten of diamonds with the Jack.

After ruffing the club return, South looked around for a way to dispose of his fourth heart. If each opponent had three hearts, all would be well; but if either opponent had four or more hearts, South would have to ruff his last heart in the dummy or lose the trick.

The way out of the dilemma was quite simple. Declarer drew only two rounds of trumps and then cashed the top hearts. East had no trumps so could do nothing about South's third round of hearts. That allowed South to ruff the six of hearts in dummy, and only then was it time to draw West's last trump.

Yesterday, as dealer with neither side vulnerable, you held:

♠ A K 9
 ♥ J 10 6
 ♦ A J
 ♣ A Q J 10 7

DIRECTED LORRY—FOUND HIS SON

The driver of an Army truck stopped in the Dorset town of Sherborne to ask the way. A passer-by told him and stayed talking for a minute.

As he did so a soldier at the back of the lorry touched him on the shoulder. It was his son, from whom he had heard nothing since he knew he was in the Flanders fighting.

The soldier, Private Sidney Foster, whose home is at Osborne, King Edward's Road, Axminster, had written to his parents when he reached England but the letter did not arrive.

His parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. Foster, were terribly anxious. Then came the chance meeting.

Mrs. Foster told a reporter that her husband had been working at Sherborne, but her son did not know this as her letters had not reached him. She had not heard from him for several weeks.

AIR MAIL SERVICES

As from August 28 there will be two Imperial Airways services per week between Hong Kong and Malaya, Netherlands East Indies, Australia, India, Egypt, Central South Africa (for United Kingdom.)

Departures from Hong Kong will be on Wednesdays and Sundays, and arrivals on Tuesdays and Fridays.

This increase in frequency will be made possible by operating two Flying Boat services per week between Sydney and Durban instead of one as at present.

ANSWER: Bid one club. The hand is not strong enough for a two-bid and is too strong for one no-trump.

Score 100% for one club, 40% for one no-trump, 30% for two no-trump, 10% for two clubs.

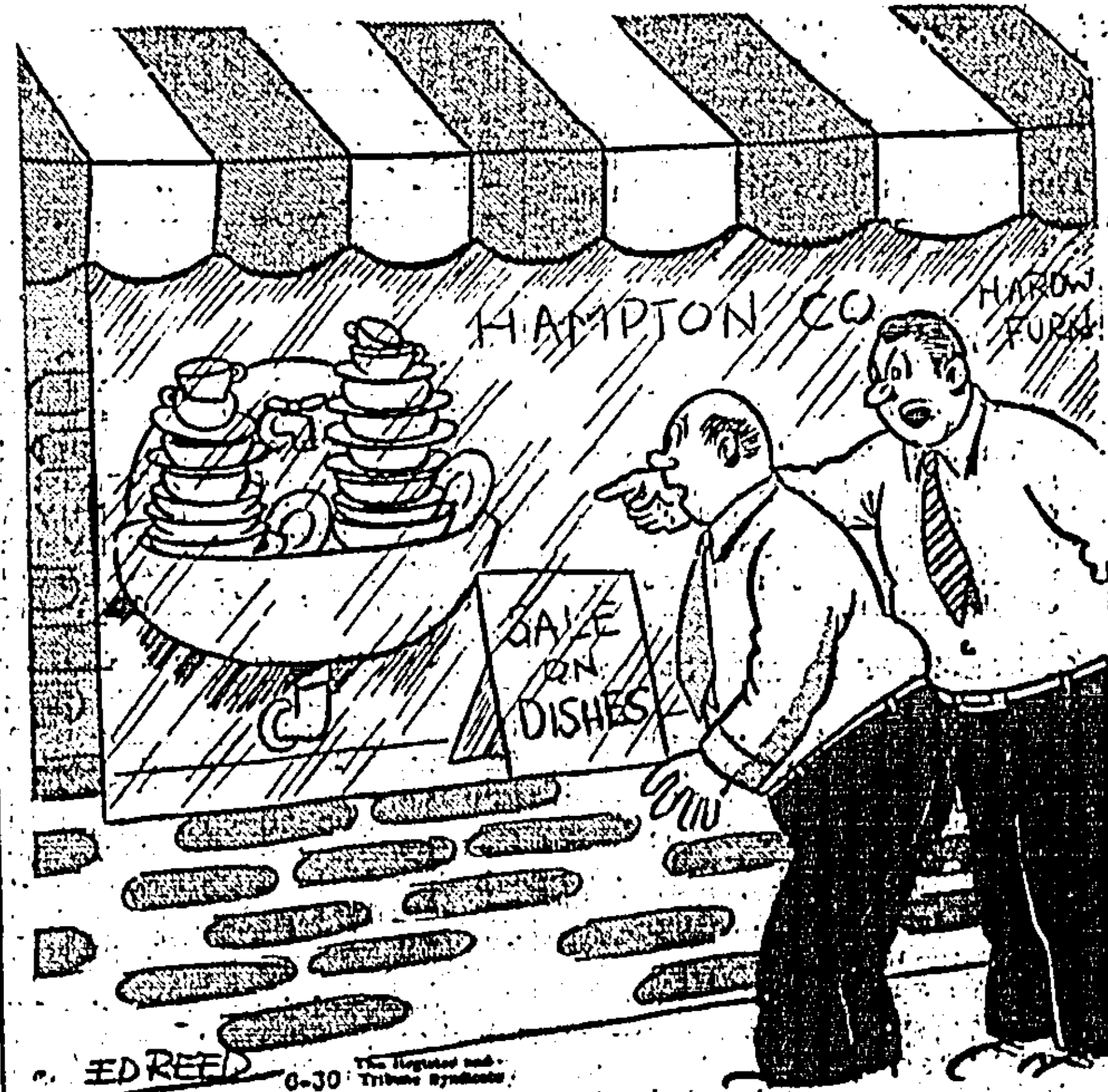
QUESTION No. 479—

To-day you hold the same hand and, with Howard Schenken as your partner, the bidding continues.

Tomorrow.
 What do you bid? (Answer)
 1♣ Pass
 2♥ Pass
 3♠ Pass
 4♠ Pass
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OFF THE RECORD

By ED REED.



"No wonder business is bad, who put up that display?"

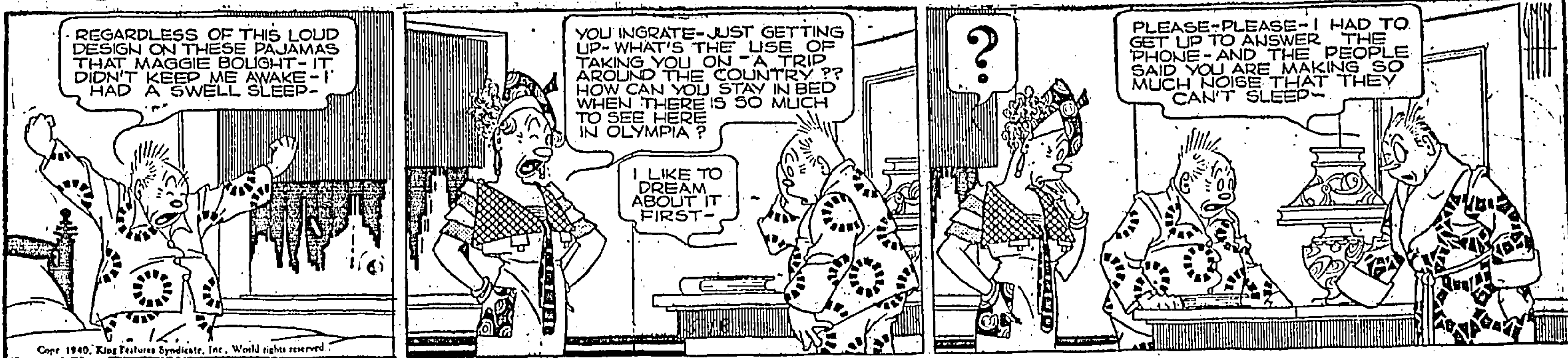
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Bringing Up Father

By George MacManus



A PAGE FOR WOMEN

Health Routine For Adolescent

The adolescent girl (and boy) who is the victim of acne, must face a rigid health routine if the undesired skin condition is to be corrected. No jar of ointment will banish the blemishes, and no amount of make-up will hide them. It takes will power and a knowledge of sane health rules to clear the skin and restore the fresh, lovely texture which young faces should have.

Some children escape the acne stage entirely, and others are troubled by it for as many as five years. It appears in the early 'teens and should be sensibly treated from the start.

Many physicians (who are not skin specialists) dismiss this particular skin problem as something which will pass in time. But they know, and many mothers know after it is too late, that sometimes acne does not disappear with time. It may hang on and destroy the skin texture leaving unlovely marks and enlarged pores in its wake.

WHAT TO DO

There is an existing argument that acne is a local infection. Some doctors claim that a pore becomes infected and the infection travels about the face unless great precaution is practiced. Other physicians claim that acne is a blood condition.

Not being a physician I cannot argue for either opinion. But I can report on a sane treatment which has helped to correct acne conditions and has been known to cure when other treatments have failed.

As all adolescents are addicted to silly eating habits it behooves mothers to correct their diets at once. Many raw fruits and vegetables should be eaten, the juices of fruits, and vegetables, only whole grain cereals, honey in place of sugar, or raw sugar, yolks of eggs in preference to whole eggs, rich milk if the child is not allergic to milk, nuts in limited quantity, no meats for a period of three months if possible. If the child is desperately fond of meat, or is growing very fast, lean meats such as roasted lamb, broiled lamb chops, roasted fowl and calf's or cow's liver. All fatty meats, rich sauces and dressings must be avoided. All candy, all sodas, sundaes, cookies and pastries are strictly taboo. Children do not like to face those menus but they must for three months at least, at very regular hours. No between meal snacks.

During that three-month period they should sleep nine to ten hours each night with a regular bed hour. Every day they should exercise out in the open air or walk for three miles, dressed warmly if they live in a cold climate.

THEIR GROOMING

Fastidious care should be taken of their bodies. The scalp and hair should be kept very clean through regular shampoos and daily cleansings with a corrective tonic. Faces must be washed with a bland soap and water, rinsed well with warm and cold water. If an infected pimple opens, or must be opened, diluted antiseptic should be applied at once, not only to the pimple but to surrounding area



It is worth great effort to preserve the clear, beautiful texture of healthy youthful skin.

Some Ideas About Mirrors

By VERA WISE

What mirrors dislike more than anything else is sunshine; if they are so placed that the sun shines directly on to them, the glass will quickly show spots and discoloration like mildew, caused by the heat flaking the mercury. Once this damage is done, it is an expensive matter to remedy.

The most effective way of cleaning surface specks and cloudiness from mirrors is to sponge them with warm water containing a few spots of ammonia. Dry, and then apply a paste of cold tea and whiting. Wipe off with a cloth, and polish with tissue paper.

HUNG LOW

A large mirror, hung low so that it reflects almost all of the room, will enhance the size of a small room very much. It should be hung flat against the wall, with

to prevent the infection from spreading. Unless prescribed by a skin specialist, no creams or lotions should be used, other than Lotion Alba which any good pharmacist will mix for you. This is to be applied at night after the skin is thoroughly washed, and allowed to remain on until morning.

See that the child gets as much sunshine on the blemished skin as is possible and if the condition persists after three months of this routine do seek the advice of the best physician available.

the cords or hooks suspending it invisible, if possible, and a square or oblong shape is best.

A dark and cheerless room, too, benefits tremendously by the right placing of a mirror. This time, however, it is best to put it opposite the light—preferably across a corner, where it will catch and reflect all stray beams and brighten the whole aspect of the room.



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There will be one collection from the pillar boxes as on Sundays, one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11.30 a.m. and one delivery of registered correspondence at 11 a.m.

There will also be one delivery of ordinary correspondence at 11 a.m. from the Branch Post Offices at Stanley, Taiipo and Un Long.

The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

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The air mail postage to U.S.A. and Canada by Pan-American Airways has been increased to \$3.50 per ½ ounce with effect as from 2nd August. The air mail rates to other American countries etc. via Pan-American Airways have also been increased and a schedule of rates is exhibited in the General Post Office.

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TO-DAY'S WIRELESS

12.15 p.m.—Short Service of Intercourse.

12.30 p.m.—Dance Music by Jack Harris and His Orchestra.

1.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 p.m.—Johann Strauss—Le Beau Danube—Ballet Music. London Philharmonic Orchestra.

1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 p.m.—Variety—The Hill Billies, London Piano Accordion Band, Lucienne Boyer, and Tony Lowry.

2.15 p.m.—Close down.

6.00 p.m.—Dvorak—Symphony No. 2 in D Minor, Op. 70. Czech Philharmonic Orchestra.

6.38 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations.

6.40 p.m.—Arthur Rubinstein playing Chopin.

6.55 p.m.—London Relay—"We were Strangers", A Romantic Comedy.

7.15 p.m.—Selections from Verdi's Operas.

7.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.

8.00 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 p.m.—Vivian Ellis at the Piano.

8.10 p.m.—Sidney Torch at the Organ.

8.30 p.m.—Parade, and Hot Pipes.

8.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Musical Comedy—Pat Kirkwood (Soprano), New Mayfair Orchestra.

8.45 p.m.—London Relay—"London Log" by Herbert Hodge.

9.00 p.m.—London Relay—The News and Topical Talks.

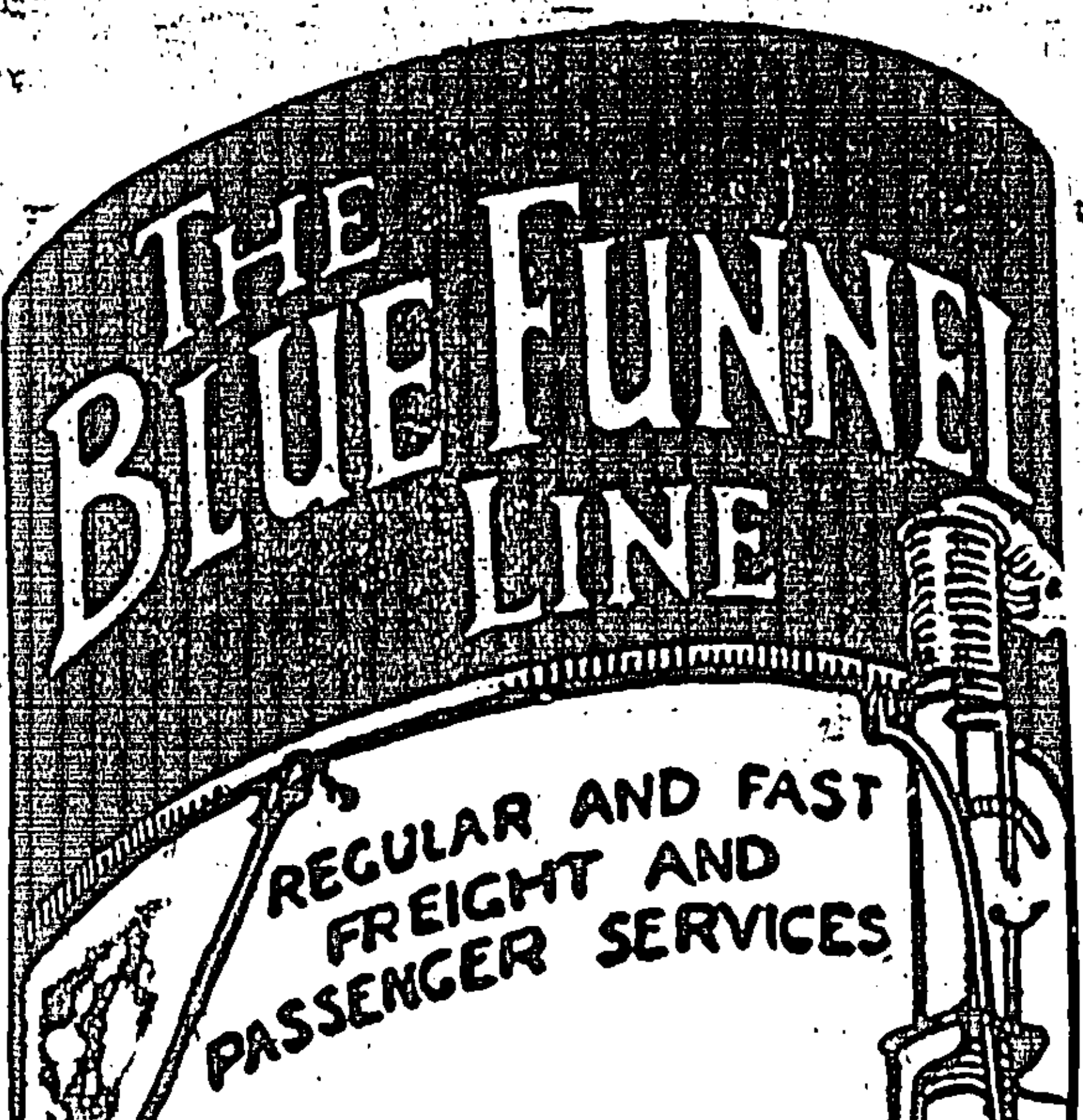
9.45 p.m.—Variety Programme—Light Symphony Orchestra, Webster Booth, Victor Young and His Orchestra with The Ken Darby Singers, Eddie Carroll, Arthur Askey, Reginald Foort, and Norman Long.

10.28 p.m.—D.B.C. Recording—"Money for Nothing", A Sketch.

10.45 p.m.—A Review of Revues. De-broy Somers Band.

11.00 p.m.—A Dance Programme.

12.00 midnight—Close down.



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To-morrow's Charity Game Between U.S. Navy And The League Should Be A Good One

Brewers Expected To Qualify For Play-Off With The U.S. S. Mindanao

By "Grandstand"

ONLY TWO TILTS are scheduled for the weekend. The finale of the League fixtures will be played to-day, when Hong Kong Brewers tangle with South China and, in the only game to-morrow, United States Navy meets the pick of the Hong Kong League in the curtain-raiser of the Charity Cup campaign.

To-day's encounter should be a push-over for the Hong Kong Brewers when they meet Nam Hwa. Grandpop Leung and his squad will be out fighting hard to upset the Winglemen and therefore, give the pennant to U.S.S. Mindanao, but the Brewers are making sure of taking the Leungmen for a rough ride and making short work of them to assure the much-awaited return battle with the Chasemen to decide once and for all the shield holders for the current season.

Assuming H.B. take South China to camp, the play-off between the Winglemen and the Chasemen will take place on Saturday, August 10 at 2.30 p.m.

The teams are as follows:

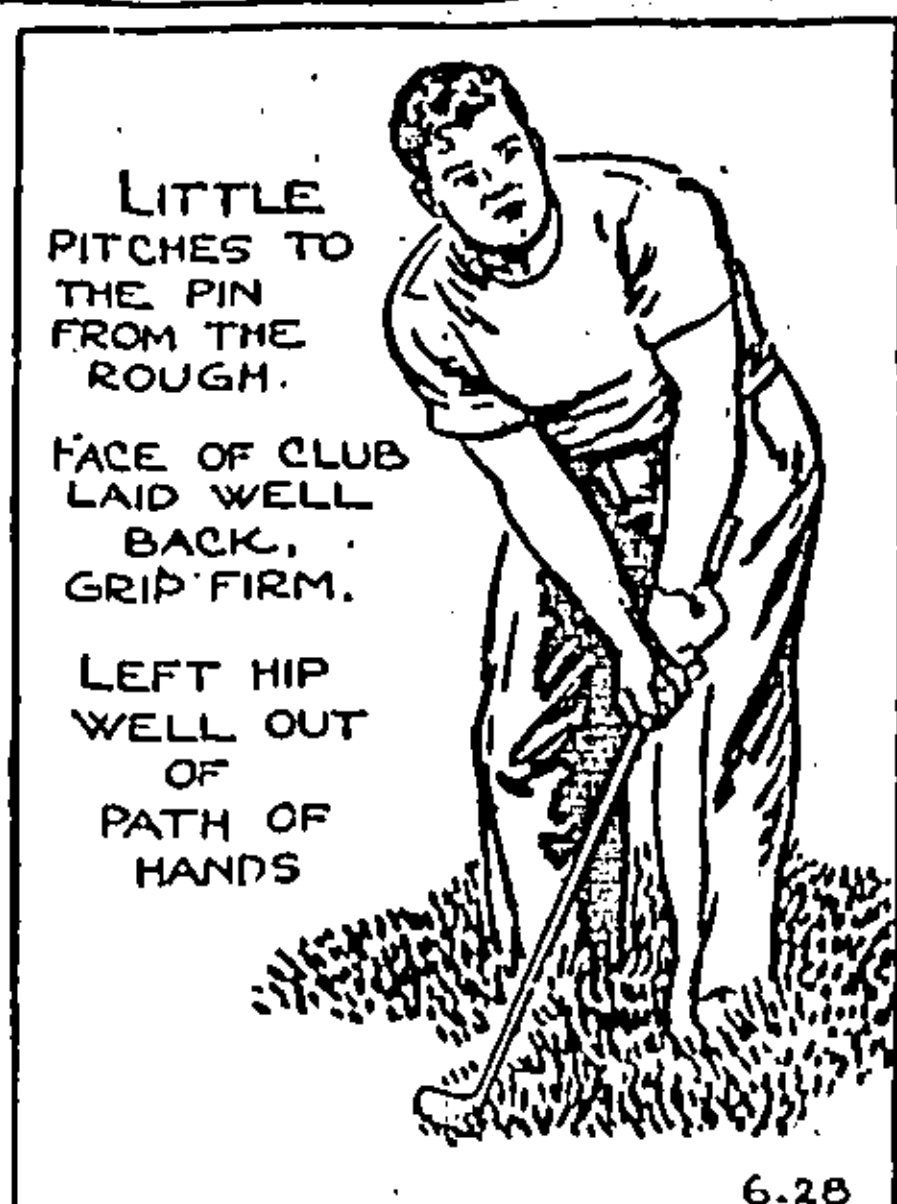
H.B.	S. CHINA
M. Arculli	P. Lau
H. Winglee	C. H. Chinn or Bob Law
S. Leonard	1b. Ha
O. Arculli	2b. C. W. Wong
D. Leonard	3b. Ng
G. Souza	SS. Yip
H. Ali	1f. I. C. Wong
Z. Gosano	cf. C. Winglee
J. Bowen	rf. Pau

Umpires: — Powlawski, Wilson and C. Figueredo.

Good Game To-morrow

To-morrow morning the cream of the crop of the Hong Kong Baseball League will lock horns with Uncle Sam's Navy. This will be a game worth anybody's

GRAPHIC GOLF



From Rough Grass

By BEST BALL

National Open champion Lawson Little finds the more lofted clubs, over No. 6 for example, require more skill than the straighter faced ones. As these clubs are used nearer the green as a rule, one must naturally use more accuracy in shotmaking. Little likes to incorporate the pendulum motion into his pitch shots as much as possible but when the ball lies in the rough as in the above situation, more definite downswing action is needed.

For such shots the ball is situated back so that it is on a line with the right heel, the body near the ball. Then with his clubface laid well back, Little employs an upright swing, hitting the ball on the downstroke determinedly. The loft of the clubface plus the downswing speed will add enough loft to carry the ball up and out of its predicament. Correct contact is important here. The player should be certain to avoid slashing into the ground before the club-head makes impact with the ball.

50 cents and a large crowd is expected at Caroline Hill. Proceeds will be donated to charity at the discretion of the League.

The U.S. Navy may be represented by any one ship of the South China patrol or a combination from any of the ships. As the U.S.S. Asheville is away I understand that the U.S.S. Tulsa team will represent the American bluejackets in to-morrow's game with a player or two from U.S.S. Mindanao. If this is the case the U.S. Navy will probably line-up as follows:—Stockton (Tulsa) pitcher; Tony Mascavage (Min.) catcher; Peterson (Tulsa) 1st base; Hoffman (Tulsa), 2nd base; Maxwell (Tulsa) third base; and Terry (Tulsa) shortstop. The outfielders will be: McClanahan (Tulsa), Ozajac (Tulsa), Guinn (Tulsa) Wilson (Min.) and Powlawski (Min.).

As Mindanao players who are not included in the U.S. Navy selection are also eligible to play for the League, the selection committee have chosen the following players:

Pitchers:—M. Arculli, Ski Powlawski and Bill Chang.
Catchers:—Pig Padgett, H. Winglee and Nip Lum.

Infielders:—"Horseface" Douglas, Grandpop Leung, George Souza, Obeir Arculli, Wally Ching, Dave Leonard, Tony Alves, Chuck Waggoner and Tuffy Chinn.

Outfielders:—Richard Chung, H. Ali, Joe Bowen, Cno Marques, Stan Leonard, Highpockets Wilson, and Zinho Gosano.

The following is the schedule of forthcoming games in the International and Charity Cup series, and the League playoff:

U.S. Navy vs League Sunday 4th August at 10.30; H.B. vs Mindanao Saturday 10th August 2.30; U.S. Navy vs League Sunday 11th August 10.30; India vs Portugal Sunday 11th August 12.30; India on Portugal vs Britain Saturday 17th August 2.30; U.S.A. vs China Sunday 18th August 10.30; International Final Saturday 21st August 2.30; U.S. Navy vs League Sunday 25th August 10.30; U.S. Navy vs League Saturday 31st August 2.30; U.S. Navy vs League Sunday 1st September 10.30.

SUCCESSFUL SEASON REPORTED AT H.K.F.C. ANNUAL GENERAL MTG.

THAT THE POLICY adopted by the committee of Hong Kong Football Club was justified was mentioned in the presidential speech of Mr. H. R. Forsyth, which was read at the annual general meeting held yesterday under the chairman of Mr. W. Pryde.

Mr. Forsyth commented on the healthy state of the club's finances. Income showed a surplus over expenditure of \$3,621.87 a circumstance "so unusual that I experience considerable nervousness and feel that, on behalf of the Committee, I ought to apologise for these remarkable results"

Mr. Pryde said:—

Our President, Mr. H. R. Forsyth, has asked me to explain that every Friday he is committed to exercising his Company of Volunteers in a full day of field training and, consequently, it is doubtful if he can attend this Meeting at the appointed time. He has, however, prepared his presidential speech, which I now have pleasure in reading.

The Committee's report for the past season and statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 1940, have been in your hands for the prescribed period and, with your permission, I propose to take them as read.

The Annual Accounts are presented as usual in great detail and members can appreciate the financial results of the year without much comment on my part.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Total income for the year amounts to \$14,277.41, against total expenditure of \$10,655.44, resulting in a cash surplus of \$3,621.97, which result is reflected in the reduced figure of indebtedness to bankers. After providing for ordinary systematic depreciation, the surplus revenue for the year amounts to \$848.80.

The advent of a surplus is so unusual that I experience considerable nervousness and feel that, on behalf of the Committee, I ought to apologise for these remarkable results. However, such results go to prove that the policy adopted by your Committee during the past few years is justified. The amenities of the Club and facilities offered to members have been vastly improved, despite a series of lean years, and evidence that members are satisfied that such improvements were worth while is furnished in the ready acceptance by them of an increase in the annual subscription.

As I have maintained on previous occasions, members' subscriptions are still the bulwark of the Club's income although I must admit that the Bar Profits are making a fair bid to keep within striking distance of net subscriptions. These very satisfactory results from the bar cast no reflection on the sobriety of members, and I may save the lawn bowls enthusiasts any undue feeling of embarrassment when I state that much of the success of the Club depends on the management, and for the control of this department we have to thank Mr. R. Leigh, who has carried out so successfully the duties of Honorary Bar Convenor.

Gate receipts from our own games have fallen away very badly, but this is compensated for by the welcome increase in receipts from other Clubs, and contributions from gates pooled by the Hong Kong Football Association.

On the Expenditure side you will find that, under most headings, expenses this year compare very favourably with those of the previous year. The biggest increase occurs under the first item of Repairs, and is accounted for by the cost incurred in carrying out essential repairs to the roof of the Club House. The roof has already outlived its normal span, and heavier costs of upkeep cannot be avoided if the Club House is to be maintained in a decent state of repair.

BALANCE SHEET

There is little to add in amplification of particulars of assets and liabilities as set out in the Balance Sheet.

Capital expenditure has been restricted to the acquisition of a few items of fittings and equipment, and we have no capital commitments.

Our current assets are, within \$100, sufficient to liquidate current liabilities, and our surplus funds have been invested in essential assets as enumerated under the heading "Fixed Assets."

sets." By the end of the current financial year, I hope to see a new asset appear, or re-appear after a very long interval—that a cash at credit of the Bank current account. Doubtless our bankers entertain the same hope and, in return for the generous treatment we have received from our bankers over a number of years, we must do our best to ensure that they are not disappointed.

To this end, I would appeal to all members who have not already done so, to pay their current year's subscription without delay. I would add that members who fail to pay their monthly bills on presentation are merely making themselves a nuisance and contributing nothing to the rehabilitation of the Club's finances.

In concluding my comments on the accounts, I wish to express our thanks to Mr. Black, our Honorary Treasurer, for his unremitting interest in the affairs of the Club and the valuable assistance which he renders to the Committee.

With regard to the general activities of the Club, I cannot add anything to the report already submitted by the Committee nor to the review of the season's play, which was made on the occasion of the Annual Inner. Since that date, the only really active people have been our bowling members and, judging from results published each week in the Sunday paper, one can say that their play is at least most consistent.

In conclusion, I would state that the policy of the Committee, with which I hope members concur, is that the usual activities of the Club should be carried on despite the abnormal conditions obtaining in the Colony, and that every effort be made to accomplish our main object—namely to promote and sustain the games of Association and Rugby football, Lawn Bowls, and other athletic sports and pastimes.

WAR AND SPORT

It has already become evident at home that sustained effort, without relaxation, tends to lower the standard of efficiency which, in turn, retards the rate of production. This goes to prove, if proof is necessary, that the school of thought which decries the occasional holiday and indulgence in games in war time is wrong. This is no time to go into an agonised huddle because the situation occasionally looks black. Rather is it a time which demands physical and mental fitness and we, as a Club, offer facilities to members to satisfy this demand. I look to members, when their various office and volunteer duties permit, to keep games which lead to fitness going harder than ever.

Before submitting a formal resolution, I would express our thanks to our Honorary Secretary, Mr. E. Strange, who has given so much of his time in most useful and efficient service to the Club.

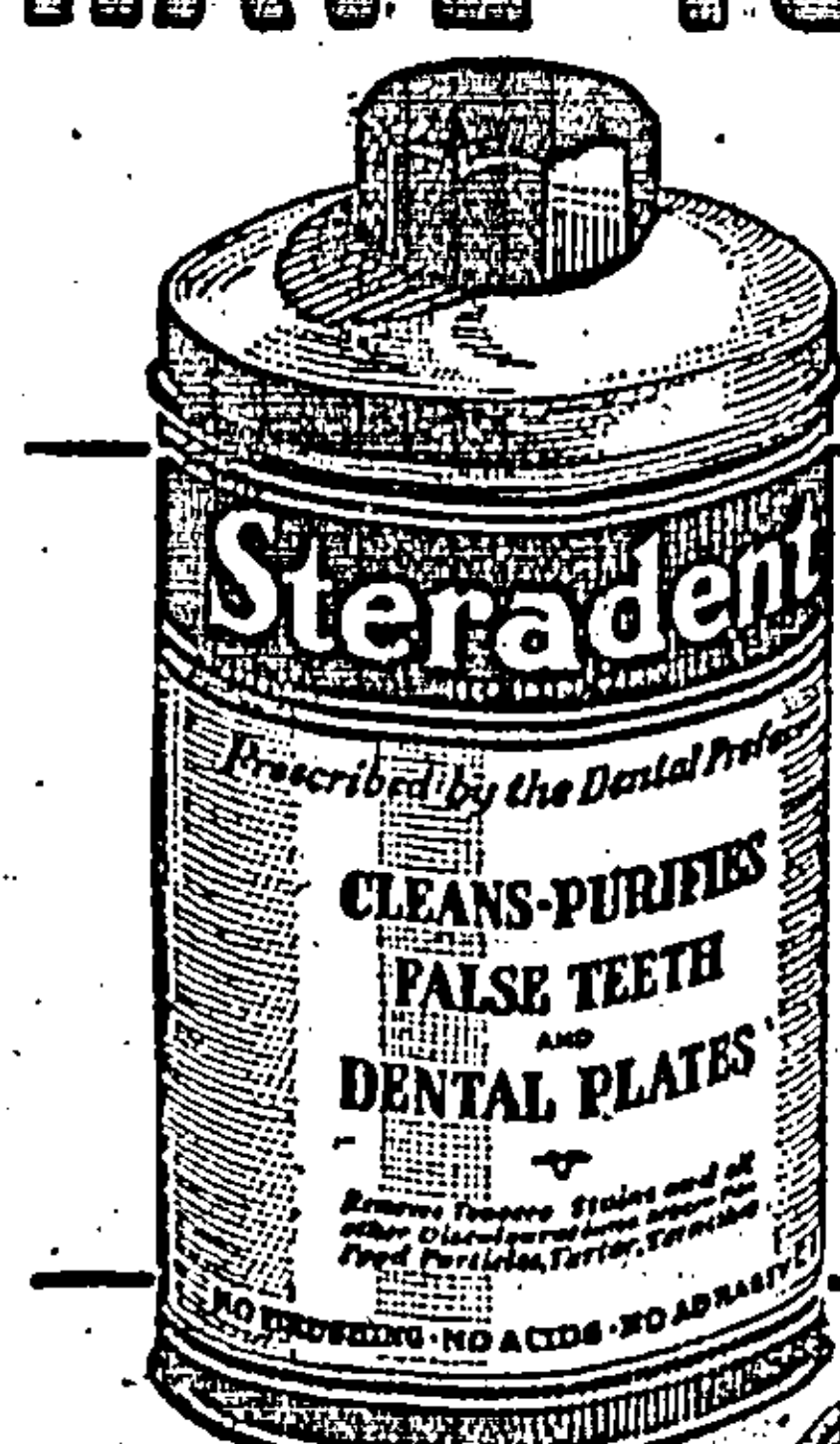
I now formally propose "That the Report and Accounts for the year ended 31st May, 1940, as presented, be and are hereby adopted."

Following Committee was elected:—
PRESIDENT:—H. R. Forsyth.
VICE-PRESIDENT:—W. Pryde.
CHAIRMAN:—C. Austin.
HON. TREASURER:—D. Black.
HON. SECRETARY:—E. L. Strange.
Messrs. K. S. Robertson, C. E. Davis, J. Skinner, A. McAlpine, W. Stoker and J. Redman.

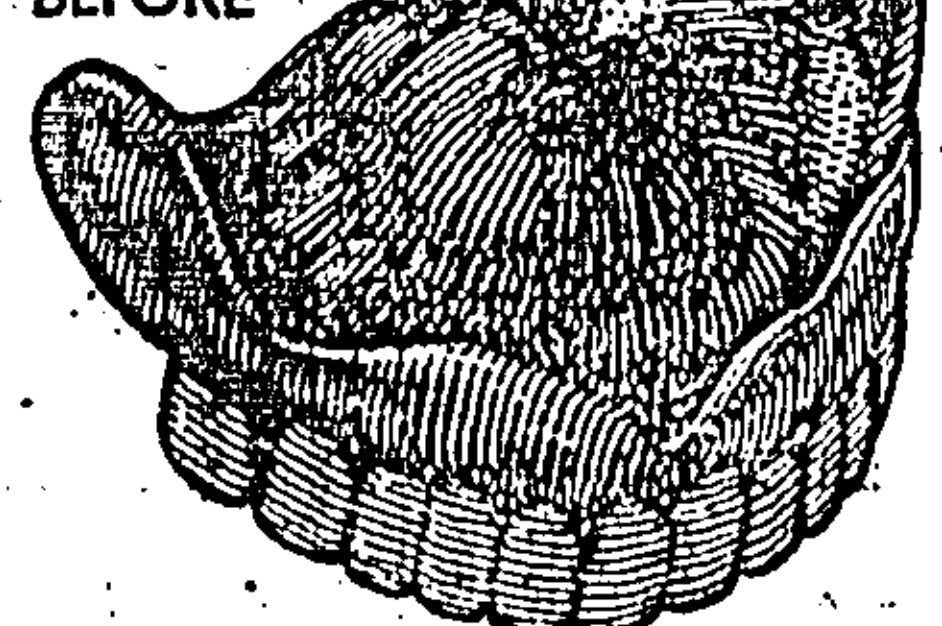
Lawn Bowls Doubtful

It is unlikely that any games in the Lawn Bowls League will be played this afternoon, owing to the heavy downpour last night and unpromising conditions this morning.

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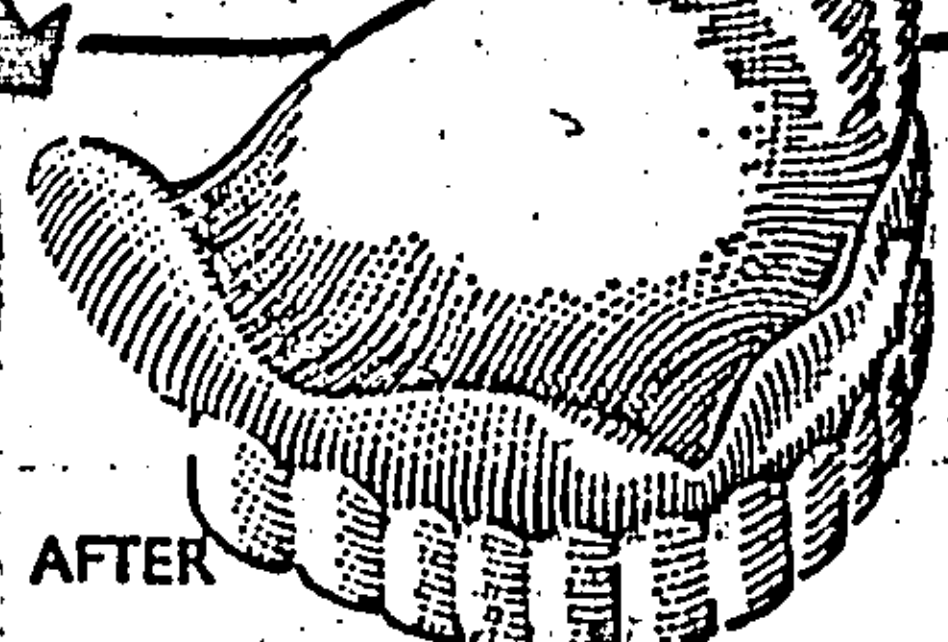
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Eagerly-Awaited Gala To Take Place To-day?

AT THE MOMENT the weather makes it doubtful whether it will be possible to hold the eagerly-awaited swimming gala at V.R.C. this evening between Victoria Recreation Club and the Lai Tsun Union.

Mr. A. O. Barretto, Hon. Secretary of the V.R.C., told the "China Mail" this morning that a decision would be made at 10.15 a.m. and it is hoped that it will be possible to give definite information in these columns when it is available.

Following is the programme and teams:—

50 yards free-style:—D. H. Taylor and D. Hutchinson (V.R.C.) v Fong Wah and Tsang Cheung-ming (Lai Tsun).

220 yards free-style:—W. Lawrence and Charles Huang (V.R.C.) v Chan Chun-nam and Lau Tai-ping (Lai Tsun).

100 yards back-stroke:—W. Lawrence and A. K. Rumjahn (V.R.C.) v Lau Yiu-ting and Poon Wing-kai (Lai Tsun).

150 yards medley relay (back, breast and free-style):—A. K. Rumjahn, D. Hutchinson and H. Taylor (V.R.C.) v Lau Yiu-ting, Fong Chung-yue and Tsang Cheung-ming (Lai Tsun).

100 yards breast-stroke:—Luiz M. Remedios and E. M. Marques (V.R.C.) v Fong Chung-yue and Ng Kam-yung (Lai Tsun).

200 yards free-style relay (50 yards

Owing to the inclement weather, the swimming gala between V. R. C. and Lai Tsun Swimming Union has been postponed.

each):—W. Lawrence, D. Hutchinson, C. Huang and D. H. Taylor (V.R.C.) v Fong Wah, Poon Wing-kai, Lau Tai-ping, Tsang Cheung-ming, Chan Chun-nam and Poon Wing-kau (Lai Tsun to choose four of these six—probably the first four names).

Women's 50 yards free-style:—Miss V. Churn and Miss I. Lopes (V.R.C.) v Miss Tsang Fung-kwan and Miss Ko Mui-in (Lai Tsun).

Women's 200 yards free-style relay:—Miss E. Grant, Miss I. Lopes, Miss D. Weir and Miss C. Gulerres (V.R.C.) v Miss Ruby Choy, Miss Tsang Fung-kwan, Miss Cheng Oi-nin and Miss Ko Mui-in (Lai Tsun).

Diving exhibition:—Ed da Roza and L. Roza Pereira.

Women's 150 yards medley relay:—Miss E. Grant, Miss D. Weir and Miss V. Churn (V.R.C.) v Combined Chinese.

RUGBY INTERNATIONAL IS A PRISONER OF WAR; STARS FOREGATHER IN SCOTLAND

"EXETER" HERO CONGRATULATED BY OLD CLUB

CORPORAL W. R. C. Brydon, 24-year-old Scottish Rugby international, is a prisoner of war in Germany, writes a correspondent in the London "Daily Sketch."

Brydon, a member of the staff of Edinburgh City Chamberlain's department, was a territorial in the Lothian and Border Yeomanry and was mobilised at the outbreak of war.

I don't know whether Brydon accounted it a misfortune or not, but I do know that on his only appearance (and that a rather lucky one due to the original choice, T. F. Dorward, falling out injured for Scotland at Cardiff last year) he was one of 11 players in that match new to playing on Welsh soil.

Behind Brydon at stand off was famous Wilson Shaw, who was right off colour as he had not got over a bout of train sickness from which, like G. L.

Jessop, who could never travel to Town from Bristol without being ill, he was suffering.

Brydon played also under the handicap of knowing that his own club, Heriot's, regarded him as second best in the scrum half position to E. O. Killien.

Brydon also played in the All-Star Services Red Cross match at Richmond last December.

Echoes Of "Last Time"

I heard yesterday that the two famous Edinburgh Wanderers,

Colonel, now Acting Brigadier, Charles Usher, of the Gordons, back from Dunkirk, and Jock Wemyss had foregathered recently in Scotland.

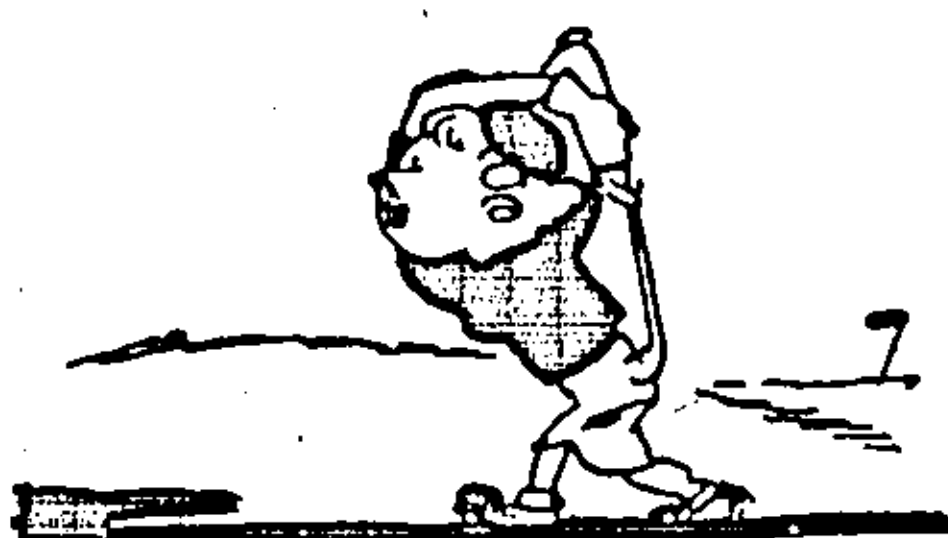
These are two of the 10 or a dozen internationals who played for their countries before and after 1914—18.

Jock Wemyss, who lost an eye in that affair, is now an officer in the Royal Scots, one of whose battalions took heavy punishment recently. Among their fallen was the crack Edinburgh Academicals scrum half of 1910, Major C. G. Winchester, M.C.

When they met, Usher and Wemyss must have greatly missed that other warrior, the irrepressible Irish international, Commander C. F. G. T. Hallaran, now somewhere at sea.

The Graf Spee seems a long way back, but I hear that Captain "Hockey" Bell, of the Exeter, told Usher that he had no more welcome congratulations than the message which he received from his old club, the Edinburgh Wanderers.

Captain D. J. R. Simson, R.N., recently killed in action, is a brother of the Scottish Rugby Union secretary, H. M. Simson.



BOYS' GOLF CHAMPIONSHIP CANCELLED

Another sports fixture which has been cancelled is the Boys' Golf Championship, which was to have been played at Lytham the week of August 26, writes a sports correspondent from Home.

This event has always been an international affair. Last year the German boy champion, Franz Gautire, was one of the competitors.

This fair-haired, 16-year-old boy was always saying he refused to believe in the possibility of war, and when the cable from his father ordering his return to Germany was delivered to him on the course he said to the secretary of the meeting, "Must I go?"

I have heard his eyes filled with tears when told he had to obey his father. But I'm afraid I've lost all faith in that sort of story of German boys. It is true the boy was very popular over here.

The boy champion is Sandy Williamson, of Edinburgh, who now retains the title he would have been too old to defend. If we only knew what age he will be when he ceases to be boy champion!

RACE MEETING DATES FOR 1941

The following are the Hong Kong Jockey Club Race Fixtures for 1941.

February 15, 17, 18, 19 and 22:—Annual Race Meeting.

March 8:—First Extra Race Meeting.

March 29:—Second Extra Race Meeting.

April 12 and 14:—Third Extra Race Meeting.

April 26:—Fourth Extra Race Meeting.

May 10:—Fifth Extra Race Meeting.

May 31 and June 2:—Sixth Extra Race Meeting.

September 27:—Seventh Extra Race Meeting.

October 10 and 11:—Eighth Extra Race Meeting.

October 25:—Ninth Extra Race Meeting.

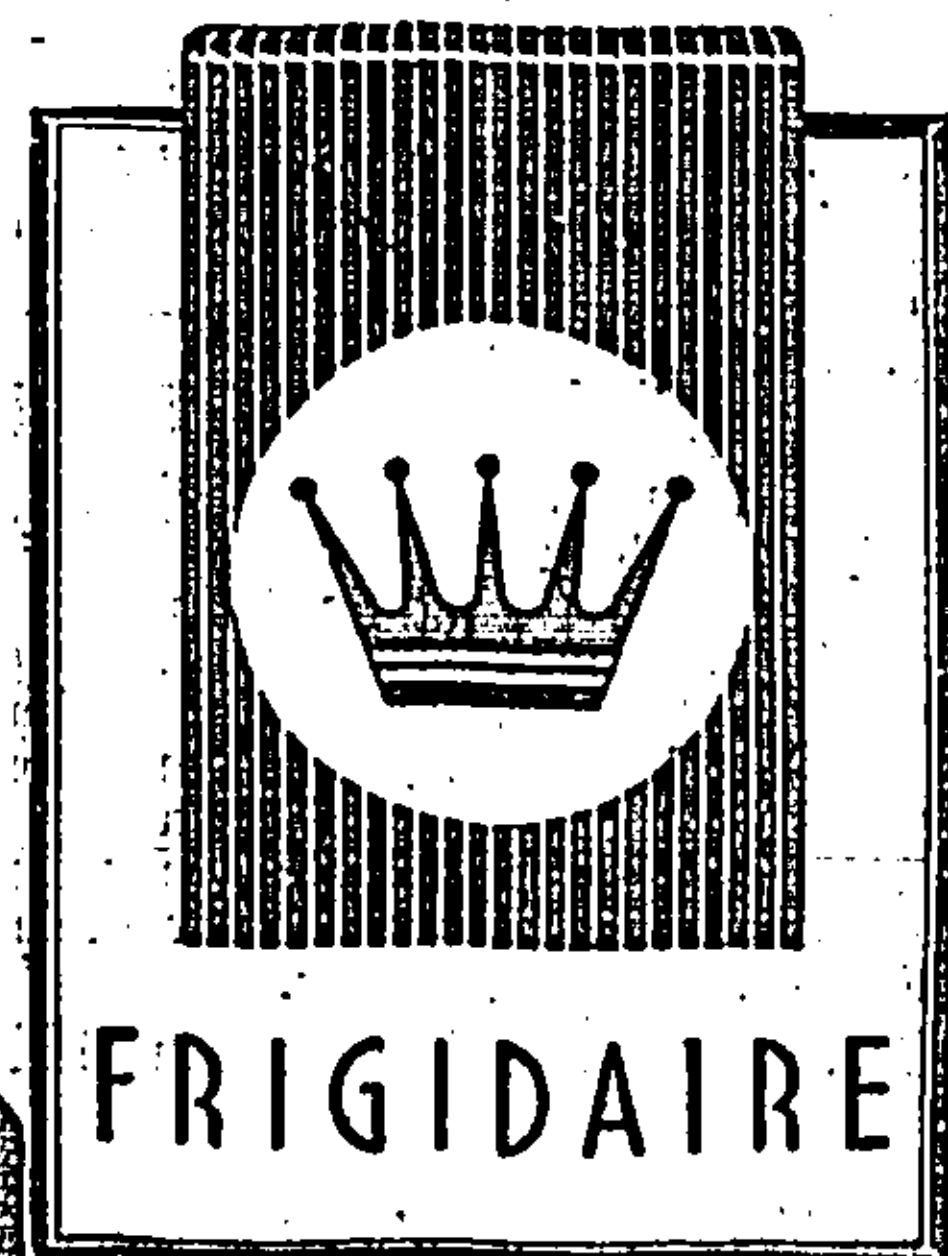
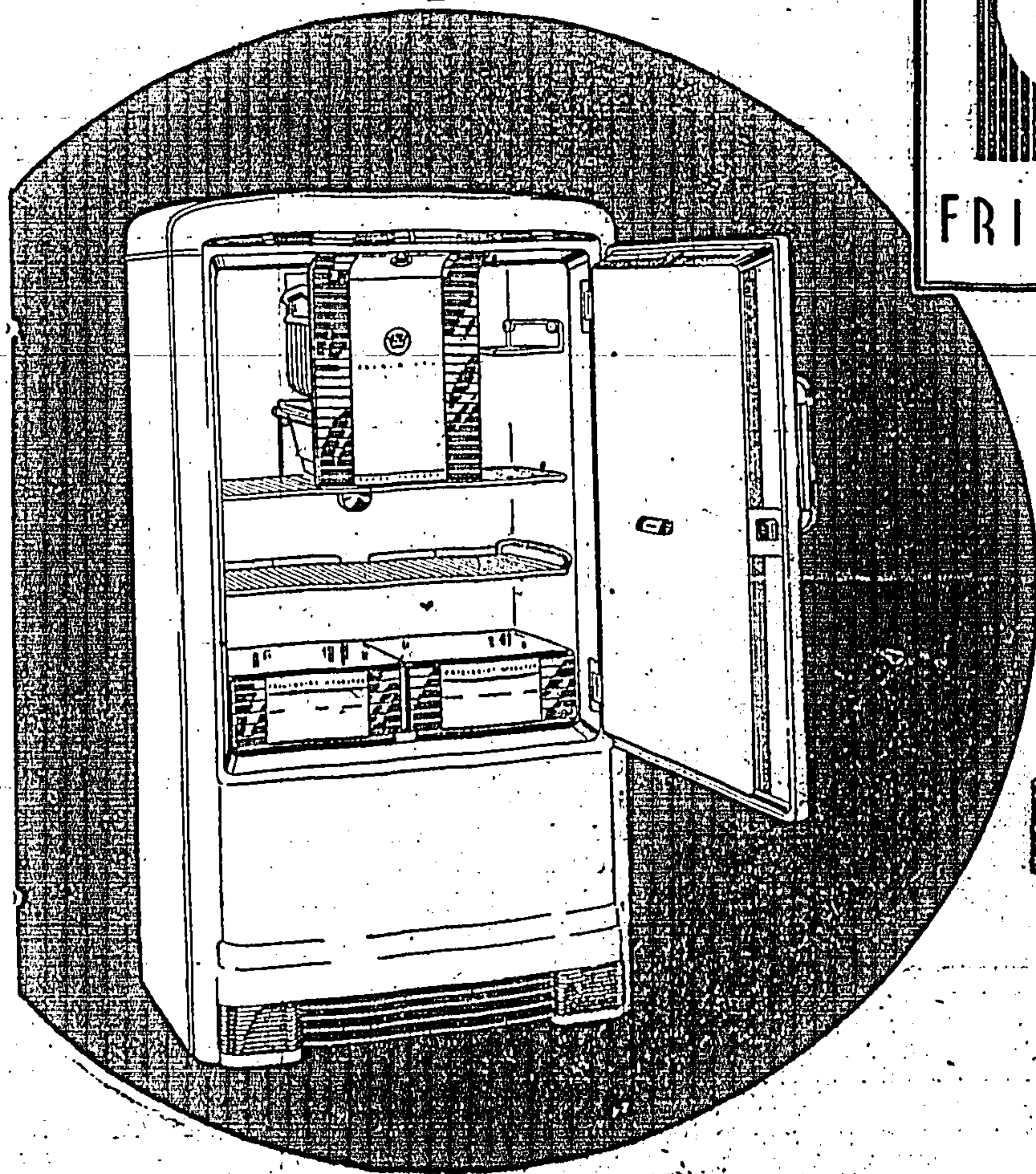
November 8:—Tenth Extra Race Meeting.

November 22:—Eleventh Extra Race Meeting.

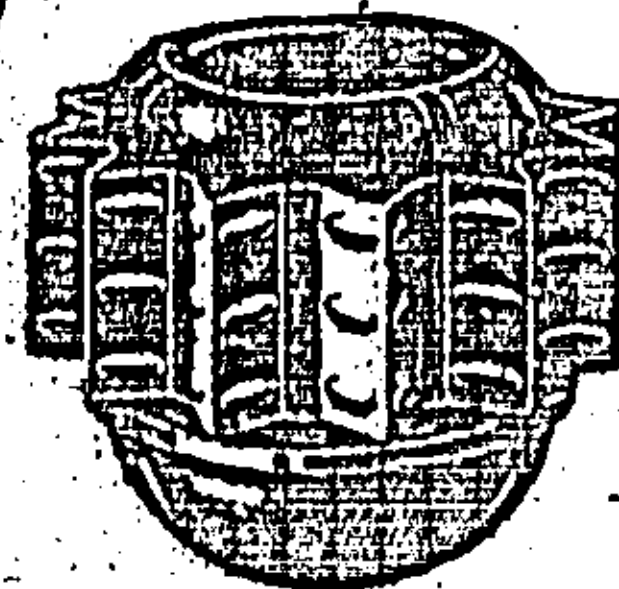
December 6:—Twelfth Extra Race Meeting.

December 20:—Thirteenth Extra Race Meeting.

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GERMANS IRRITATE TURKEY

While M. Molotov's speech is regarded in political circles in Turkey as a careful, statesmanlike declaration of policy which does not in the least change Soviet-Turkish relations, great irritation has been caused in Ankara by the German version of the speech.

This, it has been discovered, made M. Molotov say that documents published by the Germans "threw a disagreeable light on the activity of certain Turkish personalities," instead of "certain aspects of the activity developed in Turkey," as in the official Tass version.

This is regarded in Ankara as a fresh German effort to cast aspersions on certain Turkish statesmen against whom the Nazis have consistently intrigued, especially M. Sarajoglu, the Foreign Minister. — Reuter.

AMERICAN SHIPS TO CARRY REFUGEES

Legislation permitting American ships to transport war refugee children was passed yesterday in Washington by the House rules committee.

It provides that such transport is subject to American ships being granted safe conduct by all the belligerents. Any vessel engaged in such work would go to Europe without cargo, unarmed and unconvoyed. — Reuter.

OFFENSIVE AGAINST EGYPT?

NEWS FROM THE Libyan-Egyptian border indicates that the Italians are assembling large numbers of troops, the majority of which would appear to be in the neighbourhood of Sollum, writes Reuter's military correspondent.

The Italians have been enabled to do this owing to the absence of anxiety about their Tunis frontier now that the French are out of the conflict.

The British forces have successfully harried the Italians while they were massing.

Sollum is of little strategic importance, containing only a small cantonment and a shallow harbour useless for ocean-going ships.

Offensive Spirit

The British force in occupation there held out much longer than

RECORD PURCHASE OF WHEAT

The Ministry of Food has entered into an agreement with the Canadian Wheat Board to purchase during the cereal year July 1940-41 a further 100,000,000 bushels of wheat. This is the largest purchase ever recorded. — Reuter.

had been expected.

The forward posts at Sidi Barrani are still strongly held by British troops.

The British are manœuvring against very superior numbers but everywhere their offensive spirit against the Italians is in evidence. — Reuter.

All Quiet On All Fronts

A communique issued in Nairobi yesterday states: "It was quiet all day on all fronts. Further details of the bombing of the aerodrome at Yavello disclose extensive damage to the hangars and bomb dump and at least three enemy aircraft were damaged on the ground."

"There was no opposition other than light automatic ground defence. All our machines returned safely."

"One enemy machine attempted to bomb Buna but on being engaged turned tail and jettisoned its bomb-load in the bush. There was no damage and no casualties." — Reuter.

QUIET IN AFRICA

A Cairo communique issued yesterday said there were no further developments in the Dohel area and nothing to report on other fronts. — Reuter.

JUST HAVING FUN NO DOUBT

Diving to 100 feet, three Nazi planes last week attacked with bombs and guns the Trinity House tender "Alert" while it was en route to a lightship, it was revealed in London yesterday.

Some of the crew of 39 and relief lighthousemen, numbering 30, were wounded as the boat was twice raked with gunfire. All the bombs missed.

It was emphasised in London last night that these lightships work under the direction of Trinity House, an organisation recognised many years ago as being outside the scope of belligerent operations.

As a large Trinity House ensign was plainly visible on the "Alert" and the words "Lightship Service" were painted on the sides of the hull in two feet letters, there was no question of the German airmen being unaware of the intention of the vessel. — Reuter.

STEADY TONE ON STOCK EXCHANGE

Although trading on the London Stock Exchange yesterday was very quiet, the tone was steady. Gilt-edged were fractionally stronger while Indian bonds were maintained. Oils continued the previous day's improvement but at a slower pace while rubbers were inclined to advance. Wall Street was dull. — Reuter.

STOP PRESS

Climaxing a series of crimes in one of the blackest days of terrorism in Shanghai's history, gunmen kidnapped Mr. Yen Lan-shang, 50, Chinese city editor of the Shanghai "Sin Wan Pao," at 11.45 last night. The outrage was carried out by three Chinese gunmen dressed in foreign clothes, and took place in an alleyway leading to Mr. Yen's home in the French Concession. The victim was taken away in a motorcar and there is no clue as to his whereabouts. Mr. Yen was one of those named in the "blacklist" of 83 recently issued as persons wanted for arrest by the Nanking government for alleged anti-Japanese activities. — Reuter.

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